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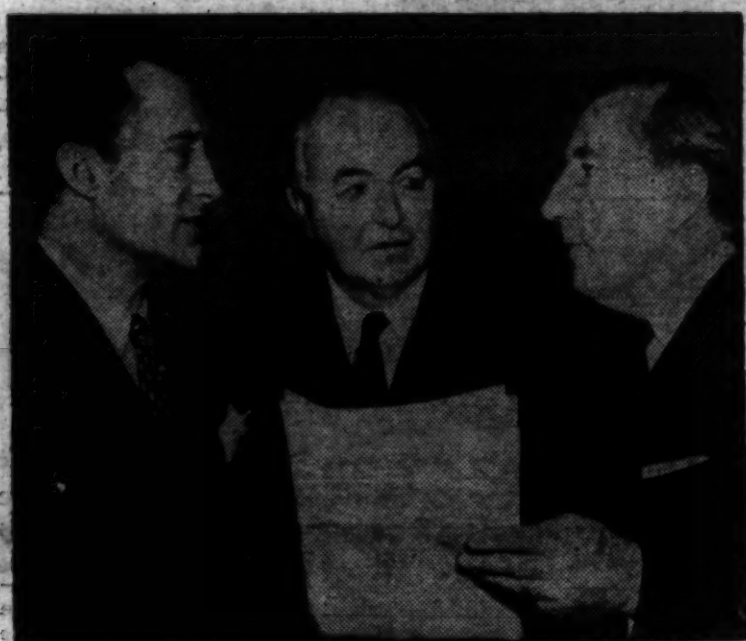


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U.S. NOTE SPURS CRISIS ON IRAN



'Churchill Would Cut UNO's Throat':

That's what the statement signed by Senators (left to right): Glen H. Taylor (D-Ida), Harley M. Kilgore (D-W Va) and Claude Pepper (D-Fla) said, in a rebuke to Winston Churchill. The three Democrats castigated Churchill's call for "a new British-American imperialism" as leading the nation to another war.

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Bourbon Coalition Rips Heart Out of Patman Housing Bill

WASHINGTON, March 7 (UP).—The House today passed, 357 to 24, and sent to the Senate the Patman housing bill after a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats ripped out provisions which President Truman described as the "heart" of his housing program. Voting for the bill were 200 Democrats, 155 Republicans and two minor party members. Voting against were 19 Republicans and five Democrats.

Administration forces lined up almost solidly for the measure although it ended up as a diluted version of the legislation sought by Mr. Truman to clear the way for building 2,700,000 new housing units in the next two years.

The President must now look to the Senate to salvage his original proposal.

House action came after eight days of debate and revision of the measure introduced by Rep. Wright Patman (D-Tex.). Highlight of the fight was a joint charge by the President's housing experts and economic advisers that a gigantic realtors' lobby intimidated House members.

A last-minute attempt by Rep. Jessie L. Sumner (R-Ill.), to shelve the bill by sending it back to the Banking Committee was beaten, 304 to 76.

In its final form, the measure puts price ceilings on new homes, insures a builder a ceiling price reflecting a margin of profit, gives veterans preference in the purchase of available homes and in new construction, and sets up a housing "czar" with power to allocate scarce building materials to areas of greatest need.

Republicans and Southern Democrats joined forces to prune out two vital provisions — one for price ceilings on existing homes and

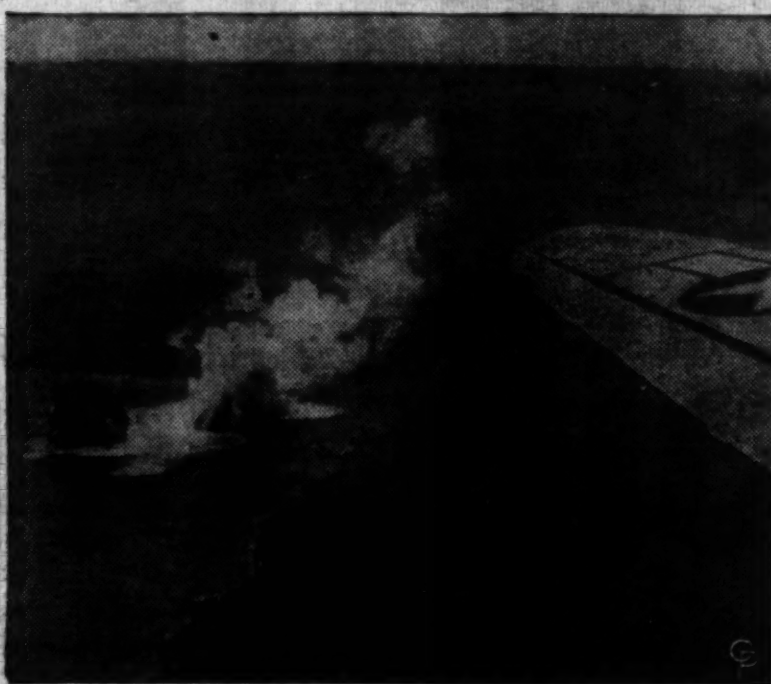
the other for \$600,000,000 in subsidies to stimulate production of building materials.

"Prices on old houses and production subsidies are very much needed," Rep. Patman said. "I hope that when the bill reaches the Senate they will be put in."

Various veterans organizations had protested strongly against elimination of the provisions for subsidies and ceilings on existing dwellings. They joined administration leaders in charging a powerful lobby of builders and producers of housing materials had hamstrung the legislation and one organization—the Veterans' League of America—called for the defeat of all congressmen who voted against the provisions.

Sen. Harley M. Kilgore criticized the house coalition of Republicans and "short-sighted" Democrats for refusing to give housing expediter Wilson W. Wyatt authority to increase production of materials through subsidy payments.

He said it was a "serious blow" to the nation's economy and will penalize veterans and their families who are seeking "decent housing."



A New Island Is Born: Out of the sea 200 miles off Japan, the camera catches the rise of a hot volcanic island. Daily Worker Science Editor Peter Stone explains this phenomenon and how islands are made in Monday's issue. Don't miss it.

Hutcheson And Lewis See Truman

WASHINGTON, March 7 (UP).—President Truman conferred for 30 minutes today with Presidents John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers (AFL), and William L. Hutcheson, of the Brotherhood of Carpenters (AFL). Lewis and Hutcheson declined to comment, but the White House said the conference was in line with the President's custom of conferring frequently with national labor leaders.

Lewis has filed notification of a strike of soft coal miners April 2 to support new wage demands.

WASHINGTON, March 7 (UP).—The White House said today that President Truman "very shortly" will appoint an emergency board in an attempt to avert the railroad strike called for Monday.

Appointment of the board would at least postpone the threatened strike of 300,000 railroad trainmen and locomotive engineers for 30 to 60 days.

Morris Talks in Conn.

NEW HAVEN, March 7.—George Morris, labor editor of The Worker, will discuss the wage struggles in auto, steel, electrical manufacturing, meat-packing and other industries at a forum at Ukrainian Hall, Lafayette St., this Sunday at 8 p.m.

Phone Workers Win \$5 to \$8 Week Boost

An agreement providing \$5 to \$8 weekly raises for 250,000 telephone workers was reached yesterday just a half hour before the 6 strike deadline.

A brief flurry of scattered walkouts was under way in several parts of the country, mainly by workers who have not heard of the settlement in time. But normal operation was soon restored everywhere as President Joseph A. Beltrone of the National Federation of Telephone Workers called off the walkout.

The settlement, setting a general wage pattern for the industry, also covers the 63-day bitterly fought strike of 17,000 Western Electric Co. strikers in the New York area.

Agreement followed night-long conference at Washington with union, company and Department of Conciliation Service head Edgar L. Warren, participating. Negotiations affected directly the members of the Federation of Long Line Telephone Workers, an affiliate of the NFTW, but the settlement is now a pattern for adjusting all disputes in the industry.

The pattern set for settling telephone industry wage disputes provides:

1. \$5.00 weekly raise in the minimum and \$8.00 in the maximum for plant craftsmen, outside maintenance and outside construction employees.
2. \$5.00 in the minimum and \$7.00 in the maximum for traffic operating employees (except New York).
3. \$5.00 in the minimum and \$7.00 in the maximum for clerical employees, message operators and central office helpers.
4. \$5.00 across the board for caretakers, mechanics, house service employees, guards, dining service employees, etc.

5. \$8.00 in the maximum for accounting assistants, staff and technical employees.
6. All schedules 8 years (transition from old to new schedules to be in accord with the War Labor Board policy).
7. Effective date—Feb. 1, 1946.
8. The aforementioned wage rates to remain in effect for one year from March 6, 1946.
9. Fringe benefit of \$270,000 in total cost.
10. No change in the present number of hours in the basic work week.

By ROB F. HALL

WASHINGTON, March 7.—A resolution requesting President Truman to repudiate the Churchill proposal for a balance of power bloc as a betrayal of the United Nations Organization was introduced in the House today by Rep. Ellis Patterson (D-Cal).

The resolution declared that the Churchill proposal, if accepted by us, would result in the formation of counter blocs, would undermine the framework of peace established in UNO, and lead to war.

"The advent of atomic energy, if used as a war potential, can make the next war the means of total destruction of the human race," the resolution said.

As against the power politics of the former British Prime Minister, the Patterson resolution urged that the House reaffirm "faith and participation in the United Nations Organization" as a means of preserving peace. It requested the President to instruct the State Department "to use all its facilities to make UNO function effectively by placing be-

fore UNO all international problems affecting the peace of the world."

There was a growing body of opinion here today that Churchill, despite his protests to the contrary, was actually proposing in his Missouri speech to junk UNO. It is known that the U. S. and Britain will enter the coming Security Council meeting prepared to vote a censure against the Soviet Union on Iran and Manchuria, and to oppose Soviet protests against British policies in Greece, Indonesia and India.

The principle of unanimity will be dragged in, the question re-opened, and according to some sources, an effort made to force the Soviets to withdraw from UNO. If this fails, they say, a movement will be

launched both here and in Britain to "put the UNO on ice for a couple of years."

On this basis, the Patterson resolution is both timely and relevant. Old-time observers around the State Department had some second-thoughts about the results of the Churchill speech, which might be itemized as follows:

First, the proposal for a military alliance between Great Britain and the U. S. received a cool reception on all sides, including Congressmen hostile to the Soviets.

Second, the incidents of the past two weeks, of which the Churchill speech was merely the climax, have smothered out the Soviet-baiters and exposed their aims for an anti-Soviet war.

Third, it has jeopardized the chances of the British loan because many Congressmen are asking: What is the loan for? If it is to finance a war, it will be irrevocably lost, they say.

In this connection, it may be significant that there is a rumor making the rounds that the British will withdraw their request for the loan. The British strategists and their backers in American financial circles had expected the Canadian spy-scare and the propaganda about the Soviet bogey to help them persuade the Republicans and the Southern Democrats to support the loan. Congressional reaction to the Churchill speech has disappointed them.

The reports of a difference between Secretary of State Byrnes and the President on the Soviet-British issues refuse to be downed. Although these differences involve merely strategy and not basic aims, it may be necessary to take them into account later. At the moment, Byrnes is giving an anti-Soviet performance that should satisfy even the worst Soviet-baiters.

Anger at Churchill War Call Mounts Throughout Nation

President Truman was reaping the whirlwind yesterday as protests swept the nation against Winston Churchill's call for war against the Soviet Union. Peace forces marshalled their strength and demanded an immediate change in American policy and a return to cooperation and friendship with the USSR.

Special to the Daily Worker

PITTSBURGH, March 7.—Edwin C. Carter, secretary-general of the Institute of Pacific Relations and head of Russian Relief, last night charged here that Churchill was attempting to revive Hitler's anti-Comintern Axis.

"The former British Prime Minister," Carter declared to a meeting of 500 people, "is graciously willing to leave the atomic bomb in the hands of President Truman as long as he, Churchill, will be able to pull the trigger and blackjack progressive people in Greece, Egypt,

India and the people of Soviet Russia."

The meeting was held under the auspices of the Foreign Policy Association at Frick Auditorium.

Carter, however, refrained from criticizing President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes.

The National Maritime Union yesterday called Churchill's speech an attempt to involve the American people in preserving the British Empire.

The statement, issued by Ferdinand Smith, union secretary, assailed Britain's actions in crushing liberation movements all over the globe and contrasted them with

the role of the USSR in liberating eastern Europe from centuries-old oppression.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship called for an immediate movement of the American people to halt the "threat of a new world war." The council demanded that President Truman repudiate Churchill's speech.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Angered trade union leaders and citizens here today vigorously assailed "the monstrous anti-Soviet war conspiracy."

"The speech is final proof that Anglo-American imperialists are (Continued on Page 10)

U. S. Spurs Crisis on Iran

The United States revealed last night that it had asked the Soviet Union to withdraw its troops from Iran immediately as Moscow announced the end of negotiations with Teheran. A Moscow broadcast, revealing the departure of Iranian Premier Ahmad Ghavam es-Sultaneh, declared that the talks had taken place in "a most friendly atmosphere." It was reported that talks would be resumed in Teheran.



To No Avail: Scores of hefty cops like these periodically clubbed Western Electric strikers at Kearny, N. J., during the ten-week strike, but the parent American Telephone and Telegraph Co. finally had to give in and sign on the dotted line. The workers go back to work Monday in a settlement that follows the national wage pattern.

Mikolajczyk Aids Fascists—Tass

LONDON, March 7 (UP).—A Soviet Tass agency broadcast from Warsaw today accused former Polish Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk of encouraging "reactionary and fascist elements" in Poland by refusing to merge his Peasant Party with other political groups in the forthcoming elections.

Tass broadcast the text of an at-

tack on Mikolajczyk, published by the Polish newspaper Glos Ludu (Voice of the People), for his refusal to join his Polish Stronnictwo Ludowe (Peasant) Party on a single list ballot with the Polish workers' Party and the Polish Socialist Party. Mikolajczyk was formerly head of the British-sponsored Polish Government in exile.

The American note, which was delivered to Moscow Wednesday night, deepened the crisis between this country and the Soviet Union. It appeared that American diplomatic intervention in the Iranian situation preceding the dispatch of the note was aimed at preventing a settlement coming out of the Moscow conversations.

Premier Ghavam said that he left "with complete certainty that in the near future all misunderstanding will be cleared." The effect of the U. S. note is to strengthen the right-wing groups in Iran who are opposing any understanding.

HONOR GUARD

Premier Ghavam left Moscow by plane. A military guard of honor attended the departure, and Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov accompanied the Iranian party to the airport.

A Moscow broadcast recorded here said:

"During his stay in Moscow, from Feb. 19 to March 6 of this year, the Prime Minister of Iran, Mr. Ghavam es-Sultaneh, had several conversations with the president of the Council of People's Commissars of the Soviet Union, Generalissimo J. V. Stalin, and with People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union V. M. Molotov.

"During the negotiations which took place during these conversations, and which took place in an atmosphere of friendship, questions of interest to both parties were discussed.

"Both governments will make all efforts in order that, with the appointment of the new Soviet Ambassador to Iran, favorable conditions may be created for further strengthening of friendly mutual relations between both countries."

CHURCHILL SEEKS ANTI-USSR BLOC, RADIO MOSCOW SAYS

LONDON, March 7 (UP).—Moscow radio, in its first mention of the speech Winston Churchill made Tuesday at Fulton, Mo., said tonight that it was "devoted to international problems and was delivered in an extremely aggressive tone."

"Churchill demands in particular the setting up of an Anglo-American military alliance opposed to the Soviet Union," Moscow said in a broadcast recorded here.

"The speech was widely commented on," Moscow said, and proceeded to quote unfavorable reaction to it in the United States and Britain.

The new Ambassador is E. V. Sadchikov. It was believed he would carry on further negotiations in Teheran after Ghavam had reported to his Cabinet and Parliament on the Soviet proposals.

Moscow Radio said Ghavam made the following statement on leaving Moscow:

"I would like to thank once more Mr. Molotov for the exceptionally cordial welcome given to myself personally and to all our delegation. On leaving Moscow, I take away with me complete certainty that in the near future all misunderstandings will be cleared and that our friendship will be further strengthened and that there will arise be-

tween us sincere and friendly relations such as we wish for."

The U. S. note charged the Soviet Government with violating the Big Three declaration at Teheran. The note was sent simultaneously with another protesting Soviet occupation of Manchuria.

EXPRESSES 'HOPE'

Washington expressed the "earnest hope" that the Soviet Union would "promote the international confidence which is necessary for peaceful progress among the peoples of all nations" by withdrawing its troops from Iran. It took the position that Iran's sovereignty was being violated. The note was delivered to the Kremlin by U. S. Charge d'Affaires George G. Kennan on instructions of Secretary of State James P. Byrnes.

The text of the note was made public several hours after Soviet Charge d'Affaires Nikolai V. Novikov called on Byrnes. Byrnes cited the British-Soviet-Iranian agreement that all foreign troops would be withdrawn from Iran by March 2. He said the U. S. cannot remain indifferent to the continued presence of Soviet forces in Iran.

The note asked a prompt reply and made it plain that Washington would be satisfied only with withdrawal of the troops.

British Plot Civil War in Iran

Smuggle Arms for Day the Red Army Leaves

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

Faced with great democratic demonstrations before the Iranian Parliament, pro-British agents in Iran have been sending British guns and ammunition to southern tribes in preparation for a coup d'etat as soon as the Red Army leaves.

These two facts—buried away by the capitalist press—go a long way to explain the current crisis.

In all the uproar, Americans have not been told that the war-like tribes of Fars province, a sparsely-settled region of Iran's "solid south" are today training for a coup with British weapons.

In the past, these tribes of religious fanatics had been in constant revolt against the central government. But it is reported in the Iranian press for Dec. 10 (copies of which just reached here) that an Imperial Edict forgave the tribes their past sins.

Foment Civil War

Gen. Shahbakhhi, a notorious Anglophile, made a speech to assembled tribal chieftains, telling them to train and use their arms for "the forthcoming war with the Azerbaijan" of the north.

It should be remembered that while British troops have withdrawn from Iran, they are stationed in neighboring Iraq—just across the border.

Understandably, the Soviet Union does not want civil war in a country on its borders. Yet that's Britain's last desperate resort.

Moreover, though the USSR is committed to withdraw under the Anglo-Soviet agreement of 1941, it is sometimes forgotten that a February, 1921, agreement between the USSR and Iran, gives the Soviet Union the right to occupy the country in case war threatens. Mr. Byrnes might very well look that treaty up.

The Iran Parliament

A second important fact in the Iranian picture are the demonstrations led by the

Tudeh or People's Party which have continued four days now in front of the Iranian Parliament. This, too, our press has buried away.

It seems that Iran's Parliament, in which 90 percent of the seats belong to the most reactionary elements, is to be dissolved on March 12. The term of the deputies is over.

But the extreme right wing, led by a notorious British agent, Said-ed-din, insists that the Parliament should continue.

He fears two things: first, that new elections would give a great majority to the Tudeh Party. Second, that the present premier, a curious nobleman with a reactionary past, Ahmed Ghavam, might negotiate an agreement with the Soviet Union which the reactionaries would not like. They figure that so long as this Parliament is in session, it keeps Ghavam under its thumb.

The Real Crime

Now I stress this fact because the American capitalist press makes everything appear as "power-politics" between the USSR and the western nations.

In actual fact, there is a native movement in Iran which is fighting for democratic reforms.

The real "crime" of the Soviet Union lies in its refusal to interfere with this movement.

In northwestern Iran live 4,500,000 Azerbaijanis (out of Iran's 15,000,000 population). They speak a different language (Turki) and since last December they have formed an autonomous government.

Said the Azerbaijani premier, Jaafar Pishevari, on Dec. 19, 1945: "We will continue to honor the Iranian flag, give allegiance to the same sovereign and use the present national currency. But we insist on collecting our own taxes, administering funds collected here and directing public affairs which in the past caused our wealth to be spent in Teheran while our people suffered neglect and the evils resulting from absentee ownership."

This same absence of widespread throughout Iran. All you have to do is leaf through the N. Y. Times files to find dozens of stories

which prove the authentic character of the Tudeh movement.

It has organized 100,000 Iranians in trade unions (represented in the World Federation of Trade Unions) and it wants what the American colonists wanted in 1776—democracy, land, a halt to corruption, an end to foreign domination.

Oil Concessions

As for oil: The truth is that the central Persian oil fields, some of the richest in the world, are operated by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., partly owned by the British government.

In the extreme south, on Bahrain Island (which was torn away by a British-manipulated sheik 50 years ago and never recognized by Iran) the American Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, and the Texas Co. have oil concessions.

In mid-1944 these American companies asked for concessions further north, just as the Soviet Union was asking for concessions in the same area.

The USSR proposed high wages, genuine housing and training to Iranian technicians. It proposed to return the wells to Iran after a specified period. It offered 50 percent of the shares to Iran, contrasting with the 16-20 percent royalties which Britain gives.

The Iranian government turned that down, though remaining receptive to the American monopolists' offers. Then a law was passed forbidding the government to give anybody oil concessions except by approval of the reactionary Parliament. That's how oil matters stand.

Iran is basically a problem of a semi-feudal country whose people want to break out of the imperialist grip. The imperialists insist on maintaining that grip. They are now gangling up on the Soviet Union which is the obstacle to the fulfillment of their aims.

The USSR—a non-imperialist country—is interested only in a democratic Iran, the best kind of security it can have. That is what Great Britain fears more than anything else. And the U.S.A. is now tossing its weight around because of the same fear.

UE Asks Firm Be Enjoined From Cop Raids

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—The tables were turned here today when the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers asked a federal court injunction to stop police violence against General Electric strikers. Up till now, injunctions have all been sought by companies against unions.

The UE named Mayor Bernard Samuel, Sheriff Austin Meehan and Director of Public Safety Malone as defendants in its action, following the police raids on picket lines at GE.

CIO unions have voted for a general strike if necessary.

Meanwhile, a grand jury, preparing to hearing demands for indictments of CIO officials charged with violating an injunction limiting picketing, received a curious charge from Judge Harry S. McDewitt.

He told grand jurors they might have to investigate a "quasi-revolution" and said of a strike demonstration: "This conduct borders on revolution and may be part of a political plot hatched in a remote place."

Freeport Group to See Dewey Today

BROAD DELEGATION TO INSIST ON PROBE OF L. I. KILLINGS

Indignant veterans, labor, civic and church representatives and individuals, Negro and white, prepared yesterday to converge on Gov. Dewey in mass delegation.

The delegation, sponsored by the New York Committee for Justice, will be led by Councilman Benjamin J. Davis and Lawrence Seaman, executive board member of the Transport Workers Union. It will demand that Dewey institute a special grand jury investigation of all facts connected with the killings of the Ferguson brothers.

Seven prominent New York attorneys yesterday demanded in a wire to Attorney General Tom Clark that he "immediately investigate the Freeport case involving the shooting and wounding of the Ferguson brothers."

The attorneys signing the demand to Clark are: Arthur Garfield Hays, general counsel, American Civil Liberties Union; Will Maslow, director of the commission on law and social action, American Jewish Congress; Paul O'Dwyer; Abraham Unger, N. Y. executive secretary, National Lawyers Guild; Osmond K. Fraenkel, national chairman of committee on constitutional liberties, National Lawyers Guild; Thurgood Marshall, special counsel, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Stanley Faulkner, attorney for the Ferguson family.

As the delegation to Albany prepared to leave, veterans' groups expressed their indignant reactions to the killings of the Negro GIs.

Milton Felson, director of the N. Y. CIO Veterans Committee, scored "lynch law in Freeport."

Mr. Felson added that the Greater New York CIO Veterans Committee last night condemned this "outrageous occurrence" and elected delegates to join the Albany action.

Commander Henry Geix, National Commander of the Labor Union Legionnaires and treasurer of the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport, in a statement said:

"Is this to be the fate of the Negro GIs within less than 30 miles of New York? We must make democracy work here in America."

Lawrence Rifkin, chairman of the Veterans Against Discrimination, which is sending delegates to Albany, said that his organization will demand "that Dewey supersede and impanel a separate grand jury, a special investigator to bring Romeika to trial."

Louis Weinstock, secretary treasurer of District Council 9, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, expressed the rising sentiment among trade unionists for justice for the Ferguson families and the Negro people.

Chapter I of the American Veterans Committee of Brooklyn, assailed the murderous attack on the Ferguson brothers by patrolman Joseph Romeika of Freeport, L. I. The resolution sent to Attorney General Tom Clark, Gov. Dewey, Mayor Ryan and Police chief Elar of Freeport, pointed out that two brothers were killed, one wounded and a fourth sentenced to 100 days in jail without any semblance of a fair trial.

Rallies to Hit Freeport Injustice

A mass protest rally to demand justice in the Freeport case will be held this Sunday at 3 p.m. at the St. Augustine Episcopal Church, Marcy and Lafayette Aves., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Speakers include State Assemblyman Hulan Jack, James W. Ford of the Communist Party State Committee, Howard Zim, president, Williamsburg Veterans Committee, and Stanley Faulkner, attorney in the Freeport case.

Among the entertainers who will appear are Josh White, Canada Lee, Earl Jones, Elias Carmen and the St. Augustine Episcopal Church Choir.

The Rev. Charles England of the St. Augustine Episcopal Church and I. Philip Sipser, chairman of the American Labor Party, Sixth A.D., are co-chairmen of the rally.

A meeting to protest the recent anti-Negro violations in Freeport, L. I., and Columbia, Tenn., has been called by the Literature Division of the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions for Tuesday night, March 12, at the Henry Hudson Hotel.

Republican Councilwoman Genevieve Earle, actor-producer Jose Ferrer, author Henrietta Buckmaster and artist Robert Gwathmey will be the principal speakers at the meeting. Mrs. Minnie Ferguson, widow of one of the murdered Negroes, and Sidney Faulkner, attorney for the "Freeport Case," will also be present.

A mass rally to demand justice in Freeport will be held tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m. Unity Center, 2744

Marcantonio Urges A Special Probe

Rep. Vito Marcantonio yesterday called for public action to supersede the Freeport, L. I., district attorney in the case of the slain Negro GIs.

"The killing in Freeport of two Negro GIs is tantamount to lynching," the ALP Congressman said. "It is necessary in this case that the present district attorney be superseded and a special district attorney be appointed to prosecute. I suggest therefore that appeals be made to Gov. Dewey requesting the appointment of a special district attorney."

Broadway (near 105th Street).

Speakers will include Bella Dodd, Claudia Jones, Captain Fred Ross of the Veterans against Discrimination, Earl Jones, star of "Strange Fruit" and Lieutenant Rudolph Israel of the United Veterans for Equality.

A mass rally to protest the Freeport Killings and the murders in Columbia, Tennessee, will be held tonight, at the Morris High School, 166 St. and Boston Road, at 8 p.m.

The meeting will be held by the Bronx County Communist Party. Speakers will include Max Gordon of the Daily Worker, Isidore Begun, of the Bronx CP, and others. A torch light parade will precede the meeting. The mutiny will collect petitions to Gov. Dewey, on the Freeport killing and begin actions on Columbia, Tenn.

School Board Still Needs Negro: Davis

Appointment of George A. Timoni to the Board of Education yesterday will not end the pressure for naming a Negro member, Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., said.

The Mayor swore in Timoni at a ceremony in his office at 10:45 a.m. Timoni succeeds Daniel Paul Higgins, who resigned at the end of the year.

The new Board of Education member, who lives at 250 Riverside Drive, Manhattan, is 42, a prominent lay Catholic and an attorney. He is a member of the law firm of Latson and Tamblin, 52 Wall St. He has had little experience in the educational field.

Queried about his political affiliations, Timoni told the press that he does not "now belong to any political organization and I never have."

COLEMAN

Councilman Davis, while paying tribute to the Mayor's appointment Tuesday of the Rev. John M. Coleman, Negro pastor from Brooklyn, to the Board of Higher Education, said "It does not take the blame off the Mayor for failing to appoint a Negro to the Board of Education."

The Rev. Coleman is rector of the St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 265 Decatur St., Brooklyn. His was the first Negro appointment to the higher board.

Davis pointed out that Negro and

white progressive citizens had made a "clear and specific demand" to the Mayor for appointment of a Negro on the Board of Education, however.

NOT EITHER-OR

"This practice of playing one position against another as if a Negro can have either one or the other must be ended," he said.

"Negroes as American citizens are entitled to representation on all governing bodies of our city and country, not just a few."

Whitewashing of May Quinn, profascist Brooklyn civics teacher, Davis stressed, proved that the Board "needs cleansing and refreshing."

QUINN CASE

In this he was supported yesterday by the Citizens Union which addressed a letter to the Mayor calling the Quinn decision "shocking."

"It is the kind of thing that may be expected to follow," the Citizens Union declared, "as a consequence of the deplorably low standards which have governed appointments to the Board in recent years."

Myers Won't File for NMU Post

Vice-President Frederick (Blackie) Meyers, in a statement to the membership of the National Maritime Union, yesterday explained his reason for not running for office in the current elections. Meyers at the same time appealed for complete unity behind the

union's program for higher wages and better conditions and warned the membership to be on guard against shipowner plots to weaken and destroy the NMU.

The union leader, who has been in the forefront of the NMU's leadership since its very beginning (he was one of the leaders of the big seamen's strikes of 1936-37), explained that the sole reason for his not being a candidate for office now was a technical one—an accidental delay in the payment of his union dues while he was on vacation last September.

"Some will argue that my status while on vacation did not disqualify me to run for re-election on a technicality of this kind," Myers said in a letter to the membership yesterday. "Perhaps the entire membership would have ruled this way. It was my feeling, however, that this technicality could be used by enemies of the Union, within and without, to disrupt and harm the Union."

WARNS ON DISRUPTION

Myers issued a sharp warning against attempts in the coming months "to divide and weaken the NMU membership, and to divert their attention from the main struggles of increasing wages, improving conditions, organizing the unorganized and building one National organization of all maritime workers."

"The shipowners will seek to divide and weaken us in many ways," he warned. "One of their main methods of attack will be red-baiting. They used this splitting device before, in 1938, when they came very near to destroying our union. They are using it again—right now."

"Already a red-baiting smear campaign has been launched against our Union in the boss press. We can expect, from past experience, that they will attempt to carry this campaign right into the ranks of the NMU."

Myers pledged himself "during my remaining months in office and

afterwards, when I ship out," to devote himself to the struggle "for the seamen and all working people."

Joseph Curran, NMU president, replying to articles that appeared in the World-Telegram and the Journal-American, said:

"These blasts against the National Maritime Union are an obvious continuation of the well-known and consistent policy of the Hearst-Scripps-Howard axis to smash our union. It is an attack against the whole union and against its splendid record of struggle against fascism. Our union, including all its officers, has been anti-fascist for a long time and will continue to remain so in spite of any provocation from the reactionary press."

Curran said he made no reference "at this time or any other time" with regard to "political affiliation in general or membership in the Communist Party in particular."

"Our union is completely democratic and admits seamen to membership regardless of race, color, creed or political affiliation," he said. "We never cease to stress this important article in our constitution."

Asserting that the union's rank and file settles NMU differences, Curran charged Fred Woltman and Howard Rushmore, World-Telegram and Hearst writers, with distorting his statements to make a "simple union disagreement appear like something with political and anti-Soviet implications."

"This is part of the whole dangerously vicious campaign to drag this country into war against the Soviet Union," he said.

Quill Hearing Mar. 18

The hearing on a "taxpayers" petition to remove Michael J. Quill from City Council has been postponed to Monday, March 18, in Brooklyn Supreme Court.

Kill Five in India During Victory Fete

NEW DELHI, March 7 (UP).—Five persons were killed today, 12 were wounded and 37 were arrested when police fired into Nationalist demonstrators.

The crowds, demonstrating against victory week celebrations, attacked the old Delhi town hall and set fire to public buildings. Several cars were burned near the town hall.

Nationalist leaders, Moslems and Communists had urged a boycott of the victory celebrations because of the food shortage and the recent Indian Navy mutiny.

Authorize Strikes on 'Revisionism-War III' B'klyn Eagle, 2 Others Meeting Tonight

Strike action was authorized against the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and two other New York publications Wednesday night by the Newspaper Guild of New York.

The Guild representative assembly sanctioned strike votes at the Eagle and the Amsterdam News and directed that a strike be called at the "most appropriate time" against the amusement weekly, The Billboard.

An educational meeting on "The Struggle Against World War III and Revisionism" will be held at the Hank Forbes auditorium, 35 East 12 St., tonight (Friday) at 8 p.m. The main speaker is Max Weiss, national education director of the Communist Party. All members of the New York County Committee, section organizers, industrial club chairmen, educational and literature directors are urged to attend.

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Mergenthaler Strike Turns Out a New Type

By BEN FIELD

Having heard of the strike of the workers of the Mergenthaler Linotype Co., Local 475, UE-CIO, I decided to go down to see for myself how these members of my union are doing.

Strike headquarters are at the gates of the Navy Yard in Brooklyn. The hall was as full of smoke and clang as a foundry, and at the table in front and on the benches and in the various corners earnest men and women were talking, planning, beating out this strike into the shape and iron that would mean victory.

It didn't take long to spot one of the guy wires of the strike. He is Luther Petry, a chief steward, who has worked as a sub-erector doing assembly work since Aug. 10. Petry's father is a service man on the road for Mergenthaler. He comes from Atlanta, Georgia, has the leanness, keen face, hound-sharpness so typical of the best of southern youth.

There is no long windup or roundhouse punch about Luther Petry. He burns the ball across, and long after it hits the pocket, you can hear the crack ringing in the air.

In his southern drawl, young Petry says he is striking because he believes Mergenthaler should accept the 18 1/2 cents wage increase pattern laid down by the government. He is a southerner without any race prejudice at all, and what makes him feel great about the way the strike is run, he repeats, is that all shoulders are braced up against that wheel, the Mergenthaler company.

"What I like about the U. E. is that it doesn't practice Jim Crow. All of us are together on the picket line. Another thing I'd like to say is that I don't know much about the Communist viewpoint, but I'm damned glad to have a Communist fight for me. If he wants to have his block knocked off, that's his business." He grins as he says that.

PORK CHOPS FOR WHOM?
Angelo Manguso, who has joined us, looks at me and says, "Luther is a good apple. Do you hear how he's been working day and night on the strike?" But Petry beats it, and Manguso, toolmaker for 13 years, adds to the picture of the strike.

He knows this Mergenthaler outfit well. They laid him off Christmas Eve in 1937. In 1939 there was an even greater Christmas lay off. Joseph T. Mackey, president of the firm, believes in these Christmas "gifts"; he has also been known to say that if he had pork chops, he wouldn't think of giving any to his employees. But he has sworn that he has the good will of the working man at heart. Yes, particularly, before Christmas when he gives his employees the old heave-ho, with holly wreaths.

DISCRIMINATION

More than 2,000 men and women are employed by this company which has two large factories in the Navy Yard neighborhood. The workers are a mixed group—Irish, Polish,

Italian, and Jews, and Negroes.

Limous Brown Jr. is one of the most active of the Negro workers, many of whom are servicemen. He is a chipper and grinder working on castings. The job is a dirty and hard one, requiring the use of masks. Negroes on the floor are discriminated against and find it very difficult to get bench work.

Brown puts it this way: "We're on strike because we want a closed shop, a jack up in wages and a better vacation schedule."

Limous Brown served his country at Ft. McClellan, Ala. He was a member of the famous 92nd Division which saw action in Italy. He knows all about the massacre of the Negro servicemen at Freeport, L. I., and Columbia, Tenn. If not for his

picket duty, he'd have been at the Union Square rally yesterday.

"The fight we're in is just part of the fight we had during the war. The people who should protect us, don't protect us. They don't give us credit for what we are. To be killed over a cup of coffee, there is no justice to that!"

We leave the strike headquarters and walk to the picket line, and on the way, one of the old timers comes along. He is Leon Foster, who has worked for Mergenthaler since 1903. He has been in four strikes, and, by golly, is in this one, too, deeper than the handle end.

A quiet, gray-haired man, Brother Foster says that the company is sharpening the big axe to get rid of the veterans workers January 1.



Changing of the Guard: Scene at the UE strike headquarters near the Mergenthaler plant in Brooklyn as the first shift checks in to go on picket duty. Reading from left to right: Howard Immel, James Bradley (standing), Dorothy Trebing, Lawrence Mestell, Jack Wien and Charles Fay (standing). —Daily Worker Photos



New Mergenthaler Types: On the Mergenthaler line, determined to march until the big linotype corporation accepts the nation's 18 1/2 cents wage pattern and grants union security, are (left to right): Luther Petry, Limous Brown Jr., Mrs. Julia Petzarek, Joseph Alba and Leon Foster.

Here is a worker who has given the company the very heart of his life, and their reward is to throw him like slag or scrap on a dump.

On the picket line is Mrs. Julia Petzarek. She has come to do her strike duty directly from mass and still bears on her forehead the ash mark, as it was Ash Wednesday. Mrs. Petzarek is a depth gauge inspector, getting only 75 cents an hour. Working forty hours a week, she does not bring home more than \$20 after the usual deductions. That is why she is striking.

SNARES

The Mergenthaler Co. is laying all sorts of snares and digging all sorts of pits to break the strike. It assembled its supervisors for a smash through the picket line, but that was turned back. There are stories around that it is opening offices in various parts of the city so that it can get its engineers and other professional workers back on the job. It boasts that it will hold out all spring if necessary.

But the strike spirit is stronger now than when the workers walked out a week ago. Support is coming in from various other shops in the city.

A group of steel treaders and cutters from I. Miller [Brothers, 18 of them, 10 of whom are veterans with 30 battle stars asked their employer for an hour off to join the picket line as a sign of solidarity.

ONCE AND FOR ALL

The boss turned down the request for an hour, saying they could take half a day off for which he would naturally dock them. The boys went out to the Mergenthaler picket line even though it meant loss of a half day's wages.

I finished my day with the strikers by going over to Lenruth Hall to attend a mass meeting. In the kitchen a group of women were peeling spuds and preparing pea soup for the strikers, no meat because of Ash Wednesday.

Across the hall a packed meeting was addressed by the strike leaders among whom are Mike O'Conner and Joe McLaughlin, chief wheels-men of the steering committee. A burst of applause mixed with the thundering of the L outside as one of them declared, "We'll teach Mergenthaler once and for all that they can't monkey around with us. This'll be one for their books they haven't been looking for!"



— UNION LOOKOUT —

Daily Noose Editor Smears Patterson's Poison-Sheet

By Dorothy Loeb

Hottest thing developed in the fight against the Daily News and its hate-incitement comes from Union Voice, newspaper published by a combination of unions, including Wholesale and Warehouse Workers Local 65. It's a new edition of the Daily Noose, sharply barbed parody of Capt. Patterson's poison-loaded tabloid, which exposes what's wrong with the News at the same time that it gives its readers a laugh. The Noose was first published last November as a Union Voice feature. It was so popular that reprints were made available. At last count 300,000 copies had been distributed. The new edition, more pointed, if anything, than its predecessor, can be ordered at a cent a copy, Irving Baldinger, Union Voice editor, tells me. You can place your orders with him at 13 Astor Pl., where the paper is published. It deserves a really wide circulation, even bigger than the first edition.

The CIO Furriers Joint Council has called on President Truman to use American officers to intervene against terror in Franco Spain. . . . Seventy-three policemen, comprising 70 percent of the Wichita, Kan., police department, have come out publicly in support of seven fellow-officers fired for joining a union. . . . The United Federal Workers and the State, County and Municipal Workers, merging their unions, are looking about for a new name and ready to consider suggestions. . . . A very useful handbook on The Worker and the Law has been published by the Workmen's Benefit Fund. This gives you easy-to-understand information on workers' compensation, job and social security, unemployment compensation, wage problems, landlord-tenant relations, discrimination, loan sharks and other sharks. It was written by H. D. Margulies, the fund's general counsel, costs 50 cents and can be obtained from the fund, 714 Seneca Ave., Brooklyn.

Van Gelder Polls Heavy Vote

CAMDEN, March 7.—With more than 9,000 ballots cast in the turbulent election of Local 1, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, progressives fell some 700 votes short of winning.

Philip Van Gelder, former national secretary-treasurer of the union, candidate for the chief post of executive secretary of the local, drew 3,490 votes to 4,289 for Thomas Saul, of the administration and 759 ballots for a third ticket candidate.

The ballots, cast through voting machines, were approximately the same for all other contested posts.

A factor which the administration forces used to some advantage at the last moment of the campaign was the announcement that both the public and labor members of the Shipbuilding Stabilization Commission voted for an 18 cents hourly raise. While employers continue to balk on paying the raise, the administration's forces claimed the raise was "in the bag."

Chief campaigner for the administration's forces was the Camden Courier, a Stern paper, which went all out in daily stories and editorials mobilizing votes for the Saul slate.

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Your Home Town

By JOHN MELDON

This is the Era of The Great Lie. It is also an era of upper-class hysteria and when the Big Boys get panicky, anything can happen. I heard Dr. Gene Weltfish, the brilliant anthropologist, talking the other day and she cited an unreasoning, pronounced type of hysteria she had observed among some wealthy acquaintances.



"They live on big estates out on Long Island," Dr. Weltfish said, "and they told me in all seriousness that they have been investigating edible roots in and around their homes."

That's reminiscent of the Early Thirties, during the capitalist economic crisis (politely called the depression in some quarters, including the Daily Worker during the Browder editorship) when the yahoos with yachts started stocking up with canned goods and dried fruits to scam to the South Seas in case the working class kicked over the traces.

Now we are getting it again, this time from on high via the voices of the Chupchills and the L. rnes. What with the atom

bomb, the huge strike wave and the screaming meemies being needed into the public by the press, it's no wonder our Long Islanders of the 200-acre category are beginning to sniff the soil for the impending siege.

I can just imagine Mrs. Vanderbilt chewing on a wild scallion or a skunk cabbage while some imaginary invader pounding on the imported Renaissance bronze door of her palatial mansion!

All of this brings me by a somewhat circuitous path to the topic of the Great Lie reduced from international to lesser domestic proportions. The big labor-hating corporations have also adopted the technique of lying like hell in a loud voice to put something over on labor and the Main Street pedestrian.

The strategy seems to be to scare the pants off the public by focusing attention on the red star over the Kremlin while putting over sleight-of-hand tricks here at home.

A case in point is Western Union's unblushing demand that the Hon. Samuel Seabury arbitrate the issues arising out of the recent hard-fought strike of 7,000 semi-starved communications workers. An obliging judge kicked Abraham Pomerantz, originally named as arbitrator, out of the post because the company objected to his Labor Party activities.

If an indignant world asks, with every moral right in the book, "Who the devil is this guy Churchill—or this polltaxer Byrnes—to sound off about 'safeguarding democracy?'" then it is equally my privilege to ask "Where does a big corporation get the gall to try to palm off a Seabury as an 'impartial' arbitrator in a labor dispute?"

Back in 1938, the Hon. Samuel Seabury was hawking his legal wares on behalf of another great humanitarian organization known as the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. He fought like an alley rabbit full of catnip to defend the Met Life against a court test brought by the CIO United Office and Professional Workers Union when the company denied the union the elementary right to try to organize its employees.

The Hon. Samuel Seabury appeared before the court and declared:

"Your honor, the Wagner Act is the sort of Communist plot a man known as Vladimir Ilyitch Ulyanov—or Lenin—would perpetrate."

The union's attorney, Louis Boudin, was astounded. He objected.

"Your honor," Mr. Boudin said, "Mr. Seabury has said this is Lenin legislation. I'm not an authority on Mr. Lenin. In fact, I think he died about 12 years



before the Wagner Act was written. But I can quote the opinions of the esteemed Mr. Justice Hughes of the U. S. Supreme Court and other noted American law authorities who have upheld the validity of the Wagner Act." And he did.

But Mr. Hon. Seabury held to his position that this most funda-

mental labor relations law was alien, Communistic and un-American. Now Western Union wants to palm this character off as an impartial arbitrator!

The point is, and this goes for Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Churchill and even Western Union, the conscious worker rarely forgets history and he never forgets a phony.

Letters from Our Readers

Statesmen Conspiring Against Soviet Union

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

Much like the case after World War I, many statesmen, politicians and journalists of the chief capitalist countries are now engaged in a gigantic conspiracy against the only country where the means of production and of distribution are no more the property of a handful of individuals dedicated to accumulate profits obtained from the sweat of the millions who are forced to work for wages.

Conscious of the insoluble contradictions of the profit system, these statesmen, politicians and journalists turn increasingly to the avenue more easily available to them: violent reaction and re-

pression of the people. They hear the rumblings of revolt of the colonial peoples. They cannot reconcile themselves to the fact that an era has come to an end and a new one, that of socialism, has begun, ushered in by the great achievements of the people of the Soviet Union.

Peace and prosperity cannot become normal in the future if the world continues to be dominated by the now clearly obsolete economic system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution. The people must choose now between the already reached dead-end of the capitalist mode of living and the energy releasing socialist system.

A. G.

The Editors welcome your opinions and contributions to this page. Due to lack of space letters should be limited to 150 words so as to permit the printing of as many as possible. Please include full name and address with your letter. We will withhold names upon request.

U. S. Cartels Aim To Conquer World

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

Every day it becomes more obvious that the monopoly cartels of the United States and England are exerting every effort, making every sort of provocation to war on the USSR. The United States dominated by giant monopolies, aims to conquer the world and seems to think that now is the time to smash the USSR. Tory

England is also hell-bent on this deadly enterprise.

We are in terrible danger of fascism and war. Everything must be done to block this conspiracy against the peace of the world. Our people must be warned in sufficient time to make them aware what is in store for us if these reactionaries succeed in their aims.

The first thing that should be done is to fully awaken and warn organized labor of the deadly threat to their lives, so that they may use their united efforts to defeat the efforts of the war makers.

MACK CORNWALL

Franco Living Threat To Peace of World

Ausable Forks, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I believe it to be true that informed public opinion in America, as in France and England, and the Soviet Union, cries out not only for immediate action to save the lives of the brave adherents of democracy whom Franco is executing, but to put a final end to the Fascist rule of terror in Spain.

It has come to be admitted that our government made a serious and costly mistake in 1937 by its policy of non-intervention in the struggle between the legal democratic government of Spain and the Axis-sponsored elements. Subsequent delay in acting to undo the wrong has merely served to compound the evil that resulted. The rule of Franco in Spain is a living threat to the peace and security of the world and a living reminder to the countless millions of the world who sacrificed so much to the cause of destroying fascism that the job has not been done. The conclusion that powerful interests don't want it done is inescapable. ROCKWELL KENT.

No Confidence in Lewis Leadership

Nesquehoning, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Committees have been appointed to contact John Lewis in Washington, D. C., from District No. 7 of the anthracite coal industry. The idea of the meeting is to force the issue on occupational disease, a subject which should have been considered years ago. Thousands of miners have gone to their graves in poverty from lack of action by John L. Lewis and his cohorts.

When the by-laws are considered, it can be seen that Lewis did not forget to protect himself and his future security. It is doubtful if they will accomplish anything in the future, as their past record does not give the miners any confidence in their leadership. They have failed miserably. Negotiations should have been opened four months ago for an increase in wages so as to keep step with other industries.

A. MINER

Soviet Auto Industry Booming

MOSCOW

by G. Osipov

ON THE eve of the first World War there were only about 9,000 automobiles in Russia, all imported.

The Soviet automobile industry came into being during the Stalin Five-Year Plan periods. The large Stalin auto plant in Moscow and the Molotov auto plant in Gorky were completed and put into operation in 1931-1932. The manufacture of trucks was started at Yaroslavl.

In 1938 Soviet auto factories turned out more than 200,000 cars. The manufacture of trucks and passenger cars of the latest types was mastered in a short time. The Soviet Union in that year occupied fourth place in the world output of automobiles, and second place in the output of trucks. It manufactured more trucks than any other country in Europe.

Many new roads and highways were built and existing ones reconstructed. More than 37,000 miles of paved roads, including many asphalt and concrete highways, were built during the first and second Five-Year Plans. An extensive network of dirt roads totaling more than 200,000 miles in length was also set up.

The automobile industry continued to develop during the war years. A large plant was built in the Urals which began to turn out automobiles in July, 1944. Construction was started on another huge auto plant in the Volga area. During the same period designers were engaged on a new deluxe

model passenger car at the Stalin auto plant in Moscow.

THE next five years will see further development of the USSR automobile industry.

The Moscow, Gorky and Urals plants will be considerably expanded and the Yaroslavl plant will undergo radical reconstruction. The Moscow factory will considerably exceed its prewar level in the next three years. The prewar capacity of the Gorky plant will be doubled by the end of 1950, while the Urals plant will be two and one-half times larger than it is today. After reconstruction, the automobile factory in Yaroslavl will become a giant enterprise manufacturing heavy trucks.

The Moscow low-powered automobile factory will be completely rehabilitated. The construction of an auto plant in the Volga area will be completed at the same time.

New plants in Siberia, the Ukraine, Byelorussia and Georgia, the construction of which is already under way, will also be completed and put into operation in the course of the next five years.

The output of automobiles in the Soviet Union in 1946 will be double the total produced in 1945. A number of auto assembly plants will also go up between 1946 and 1950.

THE new Five-Year Plan likewise calls for the manufacture of new types of trucks which will have increased load capacities and greater speeds and will use up less fuel and

lubricating materials. The introduction of diesel engines on two new types of cars will cut down the fuel expenditures of these machines by from 20 to 25 percent.

Three new types of passenger cars will be put out at the Soviet automobile factories. The ZIS-110 eight-cylinder seven-passenger limousine, with a top speed of 87 miles per hour is already being manufactured at the Stalin plant. The production of the M-20 Pobeda (Victory) five-passenger sedan with a maximum speed of almost 70 miles per hour will get under way at the Gorky plant in June, 1946.

The contribution of the Moscow low-powered automobile factory is a four-passenger machine called Moskvich (Muscovite) in the popular car class, which will have a top speed of 56 miles per hour.

In addition to passenger cars, Soviet automobile factories will be turning out the latest models of auto buses of various sizes, gas generators, dump trucks, etc.

The development of the automobile industry in the USSR also means the further development of many related branches of the national economy, in the chemical, rubber, timber, glass, electrical, textile, paper and other industries.

The tempo of production and construction work is steadily increasing at the Soviet automobile factories. Enthusiasm is running high among the workers and other employees in the automobile industry who are determined to contribute their share to the fulfillment of the gigantic tasks of postwar development of the country.

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A Basic American Right

IT SEEMS that some of our New York City Councilmen have something to learn about America's past as well as its present.

The need for a little digging into American history was very strikingly shown in the City Council's debate over a resolution introduced by Councilman Joseph T. Sharkey proposing an official accolade to Cardinal Spellman.

Cardinal Spellman has just returned from Europe where he conspicuously associated himself with the fascist Franco.



At a moment when the United States State Department was issuing proof that dictator Franco was an enemy of the United States and of democracy,



Cardinal Spellman was lending his prestige to the ruler of Spain.

It was the duty of the City Council to take note of the fact that Cardinal Spellman was engaging in political activity, and as such could not escape political criticism. To say that any ecclesiastic engaging in political activity cannot be criticized is to deny the fundamental American democratic principle of the separation of church and state.

Sharkey's resolution states that Cardinal Spellman "has been in the forefront of the ranks of those fighting bigotry and narrow-mindedness."

Is praising the fascist dictator Franco and lending him moral support "fighting bigotry"?

Is aiding the regime which has been called the last remnant of the Hitler Axis in Europe "fighting bigotry"?

We don't think so, and America doesn't think so, including many liberal Catholics who have watched with horror Franco's butchery of Spanish Catholics.

The refusal to permit any union of church and state is the heart of the fight against bigotry and intolerance.

In Portugal and Spain, for example, where the Catholic hierarchy and the state are united in a kind of theocratic fascism, Protestantism cannot live except under persecution.

Only where the church and state are truly separate can there be freedom of conscience for all, Catholic, Protestant, Jew and non-believer.

The two Communist Councilmen deserve credit and thanks for standing by these fundamental American principles, and for refusing to join in an action which could only be construed as favoring Cardinal Spellman's support of the fascist Franco.

The other Councilmen might well bone up a bit on the writings of Jefferson and Lincoln, and on the State Department's expose of Franco, America's enemy.

Jimcrow Will Strike Out

WITH a minimum of fanfare, two Negro baseball players, infielder Jackie Robinson and pitcher John Wright, have begun their tryouts for a place on the Montreal team of the International League, the Brooklyn Dodgers' top farm team.

This does not mean by a long shot that the fight to end discrimination in organized baseball has been completely won. But it is an important step in that direction.

Daily Worker readers will remember that when this paper launched the fight against Jimcrow in baseball, its interviews with big league ball players proved that the overwhelming majority of them would welcome their Negro fellow-athletes into America's national pastime.

American sports life in every major sport but baseball would be almost unthinkable without its wonderful galaxy of Negro stars. Negro and white have long been seen and cheered together on the gridiron, the track, the basketball court, in the ring, as in life itself, on the picket lines and in uniform overseas facing the common fascist enemy.

There is no reason for surprise in the welcome of the two Negro baseball players by their teammates, any more than there will be not too long from now when Negro players take their positions at the Stadium, the Polo Grounds and Ebbets Field.

THE HOUSE ACTS ON HOUSING



Views on Labor News

Wall St. Looks for Sott Spot

by George Morris

LABOR, primarily the CIO, has done a wonderful job in placing the wage facts before the public. Labor's story was well documented and spread very widely. The result paid off in a substantial general wage raise level.

But unless labor does an equally good job of exposing the drive of big business for union-crippling legislation, the gains made, and more, will be lost, before long.

The worst mistake that labor could make is to cringe before reaction, to yield to employer "company security" demands. As soon as unions begin to do that, the common people generally upon whose political support labor relied so much, will see no real reason why restrictions upon unions should not be put into legislation.

The Wall Street Journal, in an editorial last Thursday, shows how big business welcomes every union-crippling concession they get. This was comment on the new Ford contract which gives the company the right to penalize workers by layoff and discharge for participation in unauthorized stoppages or failure to come up to given production standards.

WHAT THEY REALLY WANT

BOASTING that this "is the first instance" of a major contract in which such provisions are made, the Wall Street Journal says, "What the Case Bill would undertake to accomplish by compulsion of statute law and cumbersome legal processes the Ford Company and its employees have mutually engaged themselves to effect in the private management of their relations."

For the first time the UAW won praise from big business. The Wall Street Journal adds the Ford agreement "raises the dignity" of the union.

The Journal, of course, is talking of Richard T. Leonard, the union's negotiator. At this writing the verdict of the membership now voting on the contract, is not yet known.

The favorite argument we are going to hear now is, that the Case

Bill is not aimed against "statesmanlike" labor officials but those "wild" and "leftish" people who don't know any better.

The proper atmosphere is being developed for this strategy. This accounts for the hysteria that has been whipped up in a number of so-called "extreme" situations that the anti-labor bills are supposed to take care of, especially utility and transportation stoppages.

Labor leaders like Mike Quill of the Transport Workers Union are singled out for a lynch-type campaign. But it is noteworthy that when the New York tugboatmen came out on strike, "King" Joe Ryan did not come for even harsh words in the press. He is boss of as tight a dictatorship and racket machine as ever fastened itself upon a labor union. But Quill is noted for his record as a fighter for his men.

CONCERN ON RED-BAITING

IT IS also quite apparent that reaction wants to take advantage of such labor division as might be widened through red-baiting. General Electric and Westinghouse managements are hoping that striking members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers will not rally as solid a support as have other CIO strikes.

This is probably one reason why they stake their strategy so much on injunctions, reading of the ancient "riot act" in New Jersey and such mobilization of police force

for strikebreaking as we have seen in Philadelphia.

The industrialists are very anxious to throw the country into hysteria and confusion. In such a condition, they expect to break the labor front somewhere, gain impetus for a strikebreaking drive and jam through union-crippling legislation in Congress.

There is only one real way to combat this strategy. Just as labor exposed the sitdown of capital for higher prices and profits and to dodge the wartime tax rate, the conspiracy against labor and the general public, too, could be exposed.

Millions of people should be made conscious of the fact that employers are forcing strikes and holding up settlements because they are shaking down OPA for a guarantee of extortionate wartime profits. And while they are in process of shaking down the people, they scream for legislation to "control" unions.

If the industrialists get the Case Bill or similar legislation, they will be encouraged to carry through their postponed showdown with labor. The country would then really be thrown into civil strife as employers try again to smash unions and snatch away the raises they are forced to give.

This is the warning that CIO President Philip Murray has issued to all affiliates as he called for renewed political action to stop anti-labor legislation. He knows what he is talking about.

Worth Repeating

From an editorial in the Daily Oklahoman: "Five of every six American women who responded to the call of a recently distributed questionnaire expressed the opinion that another war in the early future is certain. And most of them, we believe, are confident that the war which they predict will be waged with Russia."

"It might be helpful if all these disturbed souls would pause for a moment with their grim predictions and ask themselves honestly and insistently, 'Just what reason is the United States going to have for waging war with Russia?' If they will only ask themselves that question and probe the issue to its ultimate terms, they will find that, no matter how busy the devil is, there is no reason under heaven for a war between Russia and the United States."

British Socialist Paper Raps Anti-Sovieteers

Wireless to Allied Labor News

LONDON, March 7.—Criticism of the anti-Soviet policies of Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin, the Socialist Review this week warns that the Tories are seeking to split the Labor Party on the issue of foreign policy because they have lost hope of impeding domestic social legislation. The Review is regarded as reflecting the views of a considerable number of Labor Members of Parliament.

Admitting that a fundamental quarrel between Britain and the USSR might split the labor movement from end to end, the Review asserts that the Tory aim is to encourage Bevin "to raise the whole questions of the Anglo-Soviet treaty of friendship. This would lead to a redivision of the world into an 'Anglo-Saxon' bloc and a 'Russian' bloc. That would convert Britain into a dependency of Wall Street. It would lead to war and possibly to resurgence of fascism."

Hitting Bevin for calling all those in opposition to his

policy in Greece "Communists," the weekly remarks that out of the total of 390 Labor MPs at least 200 "are not happy about Greece. They are by no means convinced that the present Greek government is as democratic as Bevin believes."

The danger comes from the right, not from the left, the Review declares, adding: "It is far more than a matter of Mr. Bevin's dislike or criticism of the Communists. It is a matter of the unity of the labor movement. Such unity will not come by stifling the labor left."

UNO Getting Ready For March 21 Opening

The United States has advanced \$200,000 for United Nations Organization operating expenses, it was revealed yesterday by Capt. L. F. Morrissey of Great Britain, UNO Finance Officer.

Capt. Morrissey explained that until a few days ago Great Britain had laid out UNO expenses. But with the Security Council scheduled to open sessions at Hunter College, Bronx, on March 21, the U. S. has advanced part payment of its \$5,153,500 commitment to this year's Working Capital Fund of \$25,000,000.

A contract has been signed for use of the Hunter gym up to May 15. When the UNO General Assembly meets here in September, it may use the Radio City Center Theatre.

A temporary information staff has been drawn partly from former members of the United Nations Information Organization, a wartime agency of 19 member countries and partly from members of the UNO Secretariat, coming from London.

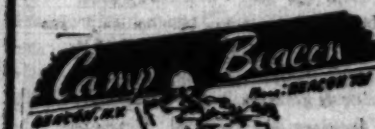
The principle has been to employ people from as wide a geographic area as possible, regardless of race, color or creed. Several Negro employees are at work, and it is hoped to draw in workers from all the UNO nations when the permanent staff is chosen by the yet-to-be-appointed Assistant Secretary-General for Information.

The information office was opened at flag-bedecked rooms in Radio City, 610 Fifth Ave., a week ago. Acting director V. Duckworth Barker has taken over and is enlisting a press, radio, library, film, and what-have-you staff for at least the duration of the Security Council meeting.

Move to End Polltax

RICHMOND, Va. (FP).—Legislation calling for a referendum on the repeal of the \$1.50 annual poll-tax was approved by both houses of the Virginia assembly March 5, but it must be adopted by the 1948 legislature before being submitted to the people as a constitutional amendment.

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Eat Less Drive Opened by U.S.

WASHINGTON, March 7 (UP).—Government and food industry officials today opened a drive to cut the American diet so that more may be sent abroad to prevent mass starvation.

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson, meeting with 38 representatives of restaurant, grocery, bakery, hotel and other trade groups, asked them to cooperate to "make it possible for this country to ship more food abroad."

"If we conserve on all foods and eliminate enough waste, we can meet present food commitments and still provide the American people with 10 per cent more food than was available in 1945," he said. Otherwise Americans will have to eat less.

He cautioned the conference that failure to prevent famine in other lands might result in serious political unrest. Starvation in "any of the countries where our troops are stationed may unleash pressures and forces that would upset the very delicate balances maintaining existing authority," he said.

TURKEY BOUND: The battleship Missouri with a destroyer escort will begin a voyage on March 21 which the State Department contends is without political implications. It will bear the remains of the late Turkish Ambassador Mehmet Munir Ertegun to Istanbul, via Piraeus, Greece; Alexandria, Egypt; Naples and Tangier.

PERON LEADS: With more than 90,000 votes counted in Buenos Aires, Col. Juan Peron had 56,842 against 34,504 for Dr. Jose Tamborini, of the Democratic Union. Peron is ahead so far in all but one State, Corrientes.

CHILE STRIKE: SANTIAGO, Chile, March 7.—Port workers at Lota and Coronel—Chile's main coal ports—today joined 23,000 coal miners and handlers out on a general strike since yesterday. The miners' strike, originally called for 24 hours, was extended for another day because leaders considered the government's reply to their demands unsatisfactory.

The demands included early compliance with a recent arbitral award retroactively increasing wages; rehiring of workers discharged after last month's general strike; repeal of a government order freezing labor union funds; twenty-day vacations yearly; formation of a "Democratic Alliance" Cabinet and break of relations with Franco Spain.

INDONESIAN MUTINY: A mutiny of Indonesian native troops of the Dutch Army is being suppressed

PEACE—BUT U.S.-ANGLO STAFFS CONFER

The strange fact that American generals are still meeting with British generals in the Combined Chiefs of Staff—eight months after the war—came to light yesterday.

Provoked by Winston Churchill's call for an Anglo-American military alliance against the rest of the world, Washington revealed that the Combined Chiefs of Staff is still in existence. It is an

exclusively Anglo-American body.

Arthur Krock, N. Y. Times pipe-line artist in Washington, argued strongly yesterday that the strategy board should be maintained. Dissolution, he said, would "be construed as an open repudiation" of Churchill and his war appeal.

Right you are, Arthur.

Let's dissolve the Combined Chiefs of Staff as one way to rebuke Churchill and thwart his works.

Japan CP Sees Flaw In New Constitution

TOKYO, March 7 (UP).—Communist Party spokesman Sanzo Nozaka, estimates the new Japanese constitution as "a surrender to Japanese public opinion and the public opinion of democratic nations abroad, particularly the United States."

Asserting that, "It would be a wonderful thing if war could be

abolished by inserting a clause in a constitution," Nozaka said the new chapter differs only in degree from conditions imposed on Germany at the end of World War I.

"The only effective way to prevent war is to liquidate the war-makers—political and economic as well as military," he stated. "This the present government has not done and is incapable of doing."

1,000 NEW YOUNG MEMBERS IS GOAL OF NEW YORK PARTY

Bernard Friedland, youth director of the Communist Party of New York announced yesterday a drive to win 1,000 new members to the young people's clubs.

Plans for the recruiting drive between March 15 and July 4 were adopted by 350 delegates at a Party youth conference Saturday. Friedland said this was the biggest Party conference devoted exclusively to youth ever held in New York.

Following reports by John Gates,

representing the National Committee of the Communist Party, Leon Wofsy of the American Youth for Democracy and Friedland, the conference adopted three major decisions:

- 1.—To support progressive youth in the building of AYD.
- 2.—To cooperate in building community youth councils and the youth unity movement.
- 3.—To recruit 1,000 new members to the Party young people's clubs.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

by two platoons of Dutch troops on Celebes. Fighting is still reported in Java and Bali... Australian Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley, replying to complaints that the Dutch had not received enough help to reoccupy Indonesia, said he was not prepared to force Dutch ships to load and sail when it might have caused waterfront tie-ups by longshoremen who opposed aiding the Dutch.

ITALIAN UNEMPLOYMENT: A we-want-work demonstration in Andria, southeast Italy, wound up with mass battles between the town's population and police and army. Looters took advantage of the disorder.

HERE'S HOPING: United Press quoted a "reliable source" that the Polish Army under Gen. Wladyslaw Anders in Italy will be demobilized this month.

OPPOSE DIFFERENTIALS: CHUNGKING, March 7 (UP).—Strikes spread throughout China yesterday. The sitdown strike of Chungking ground crews of Chinese National Airways forced cancellation of today's regular Chungking-Shanghai flight.

The ground personnel were protesting the wage differentials for foreign employees. They also sought loans of 200,000 Yuan dollars each. Pilots asked three American dollars allowance per flying hour, a basic wage increase and a loan of 500,000 Yuan each.

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Tonight Manhattan

"DID SOMEONE SAY: 'Moral Leadership!'" Harold Collins will discuss the current anti-democratic trends in American life, in the light of recent events in Freeport and Tenn.; Philadelphia and the May Quinn case. Jefferson School, 575 5th Ave., cor. 16th St., at 8:45 p.m. 50c.

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COME TO MASS RALLY to protest lynch terror in Freeport and Columbia. Friday, March 8, 8 p.m. Speakers: Claudia Jones, Dr. B. V. Dodd, Karl Jones, Capt. Fred Ross, Veterans Against Discrimination; Lieut. Rudolf Israel, United Veterans for Equality. Unity Center, C. P., 2744 Broadway (105th St.).

Tonight—Brooklyn

PUBLIC MEETING—All welcome. Henry Winston, member National Committee, C.P.U.S.A., will address the opening session of the Bedford-Stuyvesant section convention, 1800 Fulton St., Brooklyn.

Noted Speakers At Spanish Refugee Fete

Representatives of the French and Mexican governments, Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash), Congressman Emanuel Celler (D-NY), Quentin Reynolds and Dr. Edward K. Baskist, chairman of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee which sponsors the Spanish Refugee Appeal, will speak at the annual dinner of the Spanish Refugee Appeal on Monday evening, March 18, in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Waldorf Astoria.

The dinner is in honor of the Spanish Republican exiles and their staunch American friends. Its purpose is to raise funds for Spanish Republican refugees in France, Mexico, North Africa, Portugal and other countries.

The Mexican Government will be represented by Rafael de la Colina, Minister of the Embassy at Washington.

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ALBERT YUDIN, cultural leader of Paris Jewry, who just arrived in this country, will be the speaker at the Forum of the School of Jewish Studies on Saturday, March 9, 3 p.m., at 13 Astor Place. He will speak in Yiddish. Admission 35c.

HERE WE ARE AGAIN. Barn Party: good music and barnyard refreshments. Saturday, March 9, 9 p.m. Admission 50c. Nat Turner Club, 103 W. 110th St.

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U.S. Women to Fight for Amity With Soviets--Lillian Hellman

Lillian Hellman, playwright, speaking in behalf of noted American women, yesterday sent greetings to the women of the Soviet Union. Miss Hellman spoke at a tea commemorating International Women's Day.

Sponsoring the ceremony, which was held at the Consulate of the USSR, 7 E. 61 St., was the Women's Committee of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

"We dedicate ourselves anew to the furtherance of friendship and peace among the women of all countries," Miss Hellman quoted



LILLIAN HELLMAN

from the greetings. "May the new world bring peace, security and happiness for our children and for us."

Accepting the message in behalf of Soviet women was Mrs. Mikhail Goushev, wife of the president of Amtorg Trading Corp., purchasing agent for the Soviet Government.

Among prominent American women signing the greetings were: Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower, Mrs. Henry A. Wallace, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, Helen Hayes, Miss Kath-

erine Lenroot, chief of the U. S. Children's Bureau, Department of Labor; Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune; Margaret Webster; Mrs. La Foll Dickinson, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; and Mrs. David de Sola Pool.

In return greetings, the Soviet Women's Anti-Fascist Committee cabled the ceremony: "We are firmly convinced that the women of our country will bend all their efforts to achieve these tasks and that our friendship born during the war against a common foe will grow still stronger in the common struggle for stable peace and the triumph of freedom and democracy."

Presiding over yesterday's ceremony was Muriel Draper, chairman of the Council's women's committee. Mrs. Draper will speak tonight at the International Women's Day mass meeting to be held at the City Center Casino, 133 W. 55 St.

Tonight's rally will highlight reports of American women delegates to the recent Paris conference of the Women's International Democratic Federation. It will hear a special report from Col. Bernard Bernstein, formerly of the Allied Control Commission, who will talk on women's relation to the international scene.

Women delegates reporting will be Mrs. Frederic March, Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, Miss Henrietta Buckmaster, Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason, Dr. Gene Weltfish and Mrs. Draper. Mme. Mounie, who was active in French resistance against the Nazis, will sing. Other speakers, not delegates, include Miss Susan B. An-

thony II and Mrs. Elinor S. Gimbel, who will chair the meeting.

The meeting will officially launch the Congress of American Women as a mass organization affiliated with the International WIDF. Time of the meeting is 8 p. m.

NO REAL MacARTHUR PURGE OF JAPAN, RED STAR CHARGES

MOSCOW, March 7 (UP).—The Soviet army organ Red Star published a critical article charging that Gen. Douglas MacArthur's purge of Japanese militarists and industrial cartels was not being carried out satisfactorily.

Written by Ivan Plyshevsky, it said the Japanese government, although formally adhering to Mac-

Arthur's directives, actually was evading execution of measures intended to democratize the country. Plyshevsky said the old Japanese constitution and the reactionary laws which facilitated the growth of militarism and imperialism remained in force, despite the new constitution promulgated in Tokyo yesterday.

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GE to Meet with Union; 2 Injunctions Denied

Direct negotiations with the General Electric Co., strike-bound since Jan. 16, will begin next week, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers officials said yesterday. The company has made no new wage offer but conversations between management and union officials progressed to the point of renewal of negotiations, it was said.

Discussions with the Westinghouse Co., however, have not yet been fruitful, officials added.

A total of 175,000 are on strike in plants owned by the two companies in 16 states. They demanded a \$2 a day wage increase but have indicated willingness to settle for the 18½ cents an hour agreed on for steel.

JUDGE RAPS GE

Meanwhile UE was jubilant over the decision handed down in Fort Wayne, Ind., by Federal Judge M. Swygert, who denied a General Electric Co. application for an injunction limiting picketing and rebuked the company.

The Judge ruled that GE had failed to bargain in good faith with the union and "has failed to make every reasonable effort to settle this dispute."

He commented that the legal requirement that employers, seeking injunctions, make every reasonable effort to settle by negotiation "is not fulfilled by (the employer's) mere willingness to meet with his employees or their representatives."

Although many company applications for injunctions have been filed the Fort Wayne case is the first to go before a Federal Court.

IN PITTSBURGH, TOO

Earlier, in Pittsburgh, a court denied a Westinghouse demand for an injunction on the grounds that the company had failed to prove its case. These are the only two instances so far in which injunctions have been denied.

The UE strike, now in its 51st day, has the support of city governments in communities with a total population of 2,500,000, the union said yesterday. The City Council of Bridgeport, Conn., is the latest to go on record appealing to the companies for a settlement. A bi-partisan committee of the Board of Supervisors of Schenectady County, N. Y., took similar action.

Seven U. S. Senators and 44 members of the House have also expressed support for UE demands, the union said.

An appeal from Mayor Frank C. Costello of Syracuse for GE magnetic electrodes for the city's lighting system got no comment from the union. Strikers pointed out that a settlement by the company would reopen production and relieve the shortage.

PICKET MAIN OFFICES

Issues in the strike will be brought before the public through establishment of a permanent picket line at GE and Westinghouse New York City offices, James McLeish, UE president in the New York-New Jersey district, said yesterday. GE offices at 40 Wall St., and Westinghouse offices at 570 Lexington Ave., will be manned regularly "for the duration" by strikers from this area, he said.

Main office picket lines will be reinforced by volunteers from 180 organizations with a combined membership of 1,750,000. Delegates from these groups attended an emergency session under City CIO Council auspices Wednesday night and voted also to help supply food and money for the UE strikers.

In this corner

Florida Papers 'Forgot'
Negro Workouts
By Bill Mardo

EN ROUTE TO DAYTONA.—Having been unable to get any Gotham papers while stranded in Sanford, I don't know yet how the Big Press handled the historic first-day tryouts of Jackie Robinson and John Wright.

But nothing could have been any worse than the Florida "coverage." Not one scribe from this state had the simple decency to attend an event that must surely go down in the history books. Those Florida papers that didn't completely ignore the initial workouts, broke their hearts and carried a none-too-good Associated Press dispatch. The second paragraph of that AP epic read:

"Before an uninterested gathering of seven spectators, Robinson and Wright went through the routine practice motions in a drill that failed to create as much excitement as a daily battle between the 'blues' and 'greens' at Rickey university."

I suppose some people and some papers would need an atom bomb bursting about their heads before admitting that this world of ours does move on.

From a sun-bather's point of view, my first visit to Florida must be considered a dismal flop. There wasn't a beach to be found in Sanford—and now they tell me this bus is taking the Montreal crew and myself to a neck of the woods so far from Daytona Beach proper, that the mail is delivered once a year, every autumn, when the birds drop it off on their way back to Capistrano.

They also tell me that capistrano is as tasty a dish as ravioli.

I'm very much afraid the garrulous mister Rickey has met his master in the Speech Department. Ironically enough, it's Branch Rickey, Jr. "Junior" is a squat hefty child of 35 or so . . . and I've yet to see him when he wasn't developing an argument in serial form.

The only way you can get him to stop is to say: "Can you guess my weight, mister Rickey?" And then there's sweet, beautiful silence while Junior silently runs his hands over your frame.

And he'll tell you how much you weigh, too, damn it.

Gene Hermanaki, the talented Dodger outfielder, played against Johnny Wright when both were in the service, and Gene considers the Negro right-hander a "very fine pitcher."

A lazy soul like myself gets a lot of morbid pleasure out of watching the Montreal hopefuls go through their setting-up exercises every morning on the ball field.

First they stand perfectly rigid and twirl their outstretched arms around for about three minutes. Then it's down on the grass, fellas, and let's see how many times you can make like a bicycle. That's the stuff! Now try touching your toes with your teeth.

Of course, I like it better when a bunch of recent arrivals are doing the drill for the first time. Along about the 15th deep-knee bend, somebody will invariably groan aloud: "Oh-oh, I think I heard something break."

'Tis a wonderful life. Ah, to be young, ambitious and muscle-bound.

The hosses get more space than baseball on the sports pages down here. . . . And in case anybody's interested, Tweet's Boy won another at Hialeah.

When Jackie Robinson was being interviewed at the Sanford ball park, one of the New York writers asked whether a "live ball" was used in the Negro leagues. Jackie answered: "Nope, I guess you just saw Josh Gibson clout a few that day."

Anger at Churchill War Call Mounts

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trying to whip up a new war," Robert Travis, vice-president of the Illinois State Industrial Union Council said.

Anton Johansen, vice-president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, told the Daily Worker:

"The people are not going to go for war."

He referred bitterly to "Churchill's boogym."

Grant Oakes, president of the CIO United Farm Equipment Workers, charged that the administration was embarked on a program for "50,000,000 corpses."

Others who attacked the speech were:

Milas Stephens, Negro commander of the Charles L. Hunt Post of the American Legion.

Rev. Armand Guerrero, of the Mayfair Methodist Church.

C. A. Anderson, local chairman of the Hobbs Lodge 4, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Joseph Mattson, regional director of the CIO United Auto Workers.

Edward Ahrens, custodian of the Printing Pressmen's Franklin Union No. 4.

Local 1150, CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

Tom Slater, secretary-treasurer of

the AFL Carpenters, Local 1.

Special to the Daily Worker

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—An example of what Irish American unionists think of Churchill's desperate cry for war against the USSR was expressed here today by Thomas P. Delaney, organizer for Machine, Tool and Die Local 155, UE-CIO.

"It is about time that Winston Churchill went back to England and stopped inciting and involving the American people in World War III," Delaney declared.

"As an American of Irish descent I wish to express my resentment against the spokesman of British imperialism who was kicked out of office by the British people and then comes here and tells us how to carry out the policy of British imperialism at the expense of the blood, sweat and tears of American lives."

Special to the Daily Worker

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 7.—Civic leaders here denounced Churchill's speech today.

Among those who issued statements were:

Mel J. Heinritz, secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin Industrial Union Council; Linus Lindberg, Milwaukee CIO; Mrs. Emil Jones, Ruth Altman, Dr. Norbert Enzer.

Pick Pellone To Upset Monty

Lightweight champ Bob Montgomery takes on a rough opponent tonight at the Garden in welterweight Tony Pellone of Greenwich Village.

It will be the champ's first Garden appearance since getting out of the Army last November. Bob has won his two postwar fights, by decision against Leo Rodak and Bill Parsons.

Pellone has come along fast, getting his rep as a lightweight, beating Patsy Giovannelli, Billy Graham, Lulu Constantino, Maxie Graham and others. He is over the 140 mark now and tonight's is a non-title go.

Our selection: the up and coming young Pellone in an upset over the rusty Bob. But don't bet on it.

Rangers Get Last Crack at 'Cousins'

The Detroit Red Wings, the one team in the National Hockey League over which the New York Rangers can score a decisive home series victory, will meet the Rangers in the Garden on Sunday night. This will be the last visit of the Motor City club this season.

So far the Rangers have won two, tied one and lost one in four games to Detroit. By winning again on Sunday the Blue Shirts will hold a distinct edge over the Red Wings for the 1945-46 campaign.

11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Amanda—Sketch
WMCA—News; Music Box
WQXR—Alma Detlinger, News
11:15-WOR—Tello-Test-Quiz
WABC—Second Husband—Sketch
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch
WOR—Take It Easy Time
WJZ—Home Edition
WABC—A Woman's Life—Sketch
WMCA—News Reports
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindlahr
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk
WABC—Aunt Jenny
WMCA—This Woman's World

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—John MacVane, News
WOR—News; Hymns You Love
WJZ—Glamour Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNellis
WABC—Big Sister
12:30-WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet
WOR—News; The Answer Man
WJZ—News; Women's Exchange
WABC—Helen Drake
12:45-WEAF—Music of Manhattan
WABC—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Mealtime Melodies
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WLIB—Clifford Evans
WQXR—News; Symphony Music
1:15-WJZ—Constance Bennett Comments
WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR—Lopes Orchestra
WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch
WMCA—The Captain Tim Reals
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—John J. Anthony
WABC—Road of Life—Sketch
WMCA—Recorded Music

2 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—Easy Aces—Sketch
WJZ—John B. Kennedy
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Pop Concert
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WOR—Monaghan, Record Man
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch
WQXR—Request Music
2:45-WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch
WABC—Tena and Tim
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Al Pearce Show
WABC—You're in the Act
WQXR—News; Request Music
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
WABC—This Is New York
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young
WOR—John Gambiling, News
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WABC—Sing Along
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife—Sketch
WOR—Better Half—Quiz
WJZ—Jack Berch Show
WABC—House Party
WMCA—News; Western Songs
WQXR—News; Symphonie Matinee
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas—Sketch
WJZ—The Fitzgeralds
4:25-WABC—News Reports
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy
WJZ—Shelley Mydans
WABC—Marshall Young, Songs
WMCA—News; Music
4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown
WJZ—Hop Harrigan
WABC—Feature Story

Soviets Eager for Olympic Competition

MOSCOW, March 7 (UP).—Soviet sports leaders are highly interested in participating in the 1948 Olympic games at London and will discuss arrangements as soon as the USSR is issued an official invitation, Pavel Revenko, vice president of the National Sports Committee said today.

Revenko said he believed most Soviet athletes were eligible to participate in the amateur contests. Soviet athletes are awarded cash premiums by the government for breaking existing track and field world records, but no one has collected since the system was established. It was doubted whether such premiums would affect their eligibility.

Sponsors of the 1948 Olympic games said today that Russia would be welcomed as a participant but that there must be a clear understanding as to interpretation of amateur status.

Foster to Speak In Pittsburgh Sunday

Special to the Daily Worker

PITTSBURGH, March 7.—William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party, will address a rally at Frick's School, Oakland, here Sunday evening, March 10.

The meeting sponsored by the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania, will celebrate the steel strike victory and protest lynch terror in Tennessee.

RADIO

WMCA—570 Kc.
WEAF—580 Kc.
WOR—710 Kc.
WJZ—710 Kc.
WNYC—530 Kc.
WABC—530 Kc.
WINS—1600 Kc.
WVBR—1330 Kc.
WNEW—1130 Kc.
WLIB—1190 Kc.
WHN—1500 Kc.
WGV—1290 Kc.
WNTZ—1490 Kc.
WQXR—1500 Kc.

5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WABC—School of the Air
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Man About Town
5:15-WEAF—Portia Faces Life
WOR—Superman
WJZ—Dick Tracy
WMCA—Let's Listen to a Story
WQXR—Books You Love Best
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
WOR—Captain Midnight
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WABC—Cimarron Tavern
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR—Temple Emanuel—Service
5:45-WEAF—Front Page Farrell
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch
WABC—Sparrow and the Hawk

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News; Concert Music
WOR—Paul Schubert
WJZ—Kiernan's News Corner
WABC—Quincy Howe, News
WMCA—News; Talk
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15-WOR—Man on the Street
WJZ—Here's Morgan
WABC—James Carroll, Tenor
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Music
6:30-WOR—Fred Vandeventer, News
WJZ—News; Sports Talk
WABC—Pat Clancy, Songs
WMCA—Racing Results
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Cal Toney
WABC—The World Today—News
WMCA—Recorded Music
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club, Variety
WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
WJZ—Headline Edition
WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show
WMCA—Jack Elgen, News
WQXR—Lisa Sergio, News
7:15-WEAF—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Raymond Swing
WABC—Jack Smith Show
WMCA—Five Star Final
WQXR—Alfred Seville, Baritone
7:30-WEAF—Dorsey Orchestra
WOR—Frank Singler, News
WJZ—The Lone Ranger
WABC—Ginny Simms Show
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Barzin Orchestra
7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WHN—Johannes Steel
WMCA—Sid Gary, Songs

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Divide Up Reich Merchant Ships

WASHINGTON, March 7 (UP).—The Big Three tonight announced division among the Allies of all of Germany's remaining merchant marine except few more than 100 small ships.

The estimated 500 vessels divided range all the way from the former Atlantic luxury liner Europa to tankers. The Big Three did not reveal which nation will fall heir to the Europa, although is now in American custody.

Details of the division were released simultaneously in Washington, London and Moscow in a summary of a report by a tri-partite merchant marine commission set up at the Berlin conference last August.

Furriers Demand

Four CIO fur locals here yesterday demanded the deportation of Anton Denikin, emigre anti-Soviet general.

The four locals, 101, 105, 110 and 115, declared that Denikin is "guilty of organizing and leading 192 massacres of Jews in the Ukraine during 1919 and 1920."

8:00-WEAF—Highways in Melody
WOR—Detect-a-Tune
WJZ—The Woody Herman Show
WABC—The Aldrich Family—Play
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:30-WEAF—Duffy's Tavern
WOR—So You Think You Know Music?—Quiz
WJZ—This Is Your FBI
WABC—Kate Smith Show
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—People Are Funny
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WJZ—Alan Young Show
WABC—Holiday and Company, With Ray Mayer, Edith Evans, Others
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—Worldwide News Review
9:05-WAAT (970 Kc)—"Labor Views the News," Sponsored by UE-CIO
9:15-WOR—Real Life Stories
WQXR—Great Names
9:30-WEAF—Bob Hannon, Songs; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto; Chorus
WOR—Spotlight Band
WJZ—The Sheriff—Play
WABC—Durante-Moore Show
WMCA—Quidam Class
WQXR—Recorded Rarities
9:55-WJZ—Chester Morrison, Stories
10:00-WEAF—Mystery Theater
WOR—Henry J. Taylor
WJZ—Boxing Bout
WABC—Danny Kaye Show
WQXR—News; Encore Music
10:15-WOR—John Galt Trio
WQXR—Beatrice Mary, Soprano
10:30-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
WOR—Symphonette
WABC—Maise—Sketch
WMCA—Frank Kingdon
10:45-WEAF—To Be Announced
WMCA—Tom Burdick, Songs
WQXR—The Music Box
11:00-WEAF—WOR—News; Music
WJZ, WABC—News; Music
WMCA—News; Gypsy Caravan
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
11:30-WEAF—World's Great Novels
WABC—Viva America
12:00-WEAF, WABC—News; Music
WJZ, WMCA—News; Music
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False Prophet---Jean Paul Sartre And His Reactionary Philosophy

Jean-Paul Sartre, novelist and philosopher, has become the leading exponent of a decadent new "movement" known as Existentialism. Recently, in Paris, Sartre's plays and lectures have occasioned actual riots among audiences.

Because symptoms of the same disease which Garaudy analyzes in the accompanying article have begun to be apparent in America too, and because of the prominent and even respectful attitude which certain literary publications have accorded Sartre, we feel that the Garaudy article might well serve as a warning and an antidote.

Garaudy is a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of France.

By ROGER GARAUDY

PARIS

THOUGHT, when it moves away from action, is sick. This sickness is sometimes called mythology, mysticism or idealism. Today its name is existentialism.

It is a very real sickness indeed. Roquentin, a character of Sartre, explains his "disgust" to us: "Objects begin to exist in your hand." I doubt whether a machinist suddenly discovers the existence of his tool in the same way. Roquentin's point of view is that of the sick people who, as Dr. Pierre Janet has shown, have lost "the function of the real"; and they build a metaphysics on the basis of their experience in "maladaptation." Their central problem remains continually the same: "Why does something rather than nothing exist? Do I really exist? And the things that surround me, do they really exist?" Those are the fundamental themes of existentialism; and Sartre's thesis on *L'Être et le Néant* (Being and Nothingness) is in this same category of metaphysical pathology. The philosophy of a healthy man begins beyond that point.

The bourgeois world in disorder cannot, on penalty of death, allow intelligence to control it. To perpetuate chaos, prudence demands that it exile thought to a world of abstractions.

The resistance movement forced a good many of the sleepwalking intellectuals to wake up again. Sartre is one of them. He finally had the impression that he was going to be able to do something with his freedom. "Never were we freer than under German occupation," he wrote nostalgically in *Letters Françaises* in September, 1944. Then, he explains, it was a question of "saying no." That in itself is symptomatic: to be free means to refuse. That is the point of view of those who belong to the past; freedom is a negation. To those who are marching toward the future, freedom means joining and building.

And when he no longer had anything to deny, or rather when the most important thing no longer was to deny, what was he going to do with his freedom? That freedom, which was nothing but isolation and refusal, then turned out to be a formless freedom. Sartre and his followers never felt themselves part of the masses, one with men and their history. So freedom for him is not a creative participation in the dialectics of necessity.

THIS formless freedom constructs for us a history that is unpredictable and without structure. One cannot judge an individual before the series of his acts is finished, that is, before his death. That is the central theme of Sartre's *Huis Clos*. And since we have not yet had the honor of closing the human race die, we cannot judge its history. "The sense of the social past is perpetually in suspension" (*L'Être et le Néant*, p. 382). The matter is serious, for if our past is so spineless and invertebrate, if everything changes its meaning at every moment,

we find ourselves completely disarmed before the future. If there is no scientific knowledge of history, there can be no workable techniques in politics.

Thus is revealed the principal flaw in existentialism: its indifference to science. It is a hereditary flaw for Sartre: the heritage of Kierkegaard and Nietzsche weighs heavily on these latter-day exponents of existentialism. Willy-nilly, the apology for "subjectivism" quickly turns into contempt for science. With Sartre, freedom, which is an absolute choice, has nothing to do with reason: history, bathed in subjectivism and waiting perpetually for a justification that is never forthcoming, has nothing to do with science. That should be enough to denounce the fundamentally obscurantist character of existentialism.

Having turned his back on science, Sartre can no longer return to action. He can neither furnish nor even accept an effective method for transforming reality.

Sartre rejects historical materialism and nevertheless claims to be free of idealism. Here is revealed the futility of that impossible "third party": phenomenism is an unstable position, but with Sartre it is not ambiguous: he sinks completely into idealism, into the worst kind of idealism, which does not retain that solid rational framework which Hegel had succeeded in giving it.

THIS brief schematic description of existentialist thought, of which we have given only a few characteristic points, allows us to situate this philosophy with respect to Marxism.

One day, in action, Sartre wrote that he was "not very far from the conception of man to be found in Marx." His ambition was "to complete Marxism from the angle of subjectivity."

Existentialism does not complete Marxism, it contradicts it. From its doctrine of free will to its idealist theory of knowledge, from its negation of scientific history to its indifference to science, existentialism castrates man. It deprives him of his liberating weapons: the science of the world and the science of man. And the revolution is only a word if in the first place it is not science.

By the mirage of a solitary and formless freedom, attractive to men without roots and desperately impotent, Sartre leads his disciples into an impasse.

His invertebrate content has lost its object. His freedom has lost its world. And he leaves naked and hungry those he has found about to rip their old clothing and to spit out their old food. Nothing in his philosophy opens the way for a return to action. That is why his philosophy is profoundly reactionary.

THE "ravages" of existentialism are, in truth, narrowly circumscribed: it is not an epidemic which can sweep over the country. This thought, cut off from the real, has no power over the working class, today the guardian of the golden rule of philosophy: thought is born of action, is an action, serves action. It involves at most a rash or minor fever affecting a few intellectuals who consider themselves "demobilized" now that the resistance movement is over. Cut off from the people, they will voluntarily make a god of their confusion and of their "nothingness"; and believing it impossible to find a goal worthy of their stature, they will be content with ersatz and "cheap" revolutions. Existentialism builds a philosophy of human failures on the experience of wrecks. It is the task of Marxism to teach our intellectuals that they have something better to do than to project into the absolute their contradictions, which are those of the regime, and to allow their desire for incarnation to evaporate into metaphysical smoke.

Notes on USSR Life and Art

MOSCOW.

THE writings of John Fletcher, Shakespeare's contemporary and friend, have for many years now attracted the attention of the Soviet theatre. The critics who make a study of the Elizabethan epoch render tribute to Fletcher's colorful talent, his Aristophanean irony, the mastery of his delineation of structure and vivid conception of characters. Fletcher's plays have on several occasions figured on the Soviet stage. His *Tamer Tamed* or *Woman's Pride* is now on at the Maria Yermolova Theatre in Moscow which was named after Russia's greatest tragic actress.

The comedy has an irresistible fascination for the actors of this theatre, one of the youngest in our country, with its theme of the freedom of woman's personality, the vitality of its plot and the scenic merits of the action.

The brilliant translation by Tatiana Shechepkina-Koupernik—a granddaughter of the famous Russian actor, Mikhail Shechepkin, conveys Fletcher's polished dialogue splendidly. Andrei Lobanov has produced a clever, merry performance with a good concert. There is taste and consummate mastery in the scenery and the composition of the mise-en-scène, when, for instance, the actors remain in fixed positions for a moment, creating the semblance of an English 17th century engraving. This sparkling performance of Fletcher's comedy is an indisputable success.

Cello Recital

Edmund Kutrs will give his second cello recital of the season at Town Hall this Friday at 8:30. Arthur Balsam will assist at the piano.



Leonard Bernstein (above) will conduct the Rochester Symphony Orchestra when it performs at Carnegie Hall, Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16. Eugene List will play the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto in B Flat at Friday's performance.

Katherine Dunham's Martiniquan Party

Katherine Dunham's colorful Martiniquan party, *La Boule Blanche* will be held at Caravan Hall, 110 E. 59 St., New York City on March 8 at 9 p.m. The guest M. C. at Miss Dunham's monthly affair will be Avon Long of *Fergy and Bess* and *Carib Song*.

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Musical Evening At Hunt's Point

A dance and gala musical program will be held at Hunt's Point Palace, 163 St. and Southern Blvd., Saturday, March 9, 8:30 p.m., under the auspices of the Big 4 Social Committee, American Youth for Democracy.

The committee was formed to coordinate and facilitate the work of community clubs in presenting an effective social curriculum for youth. An original musical revue will feature the evening.

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Spurn Churchill or Face War, Foster Tells Union Square Rally

The people of America must give a resounding answer to Churchill's call for a war upon the Soviet Union or "we will be in a third world war before we know it," Chairman William Z. Foster of the Communist Party told a Union Square demonstration yesterday.

Foster charged that Churchill's speech followed directly from the speeches inciting war upon the Soviet Union made earlier by Sen. Vandenberg, Secretary of State Byrnes and President Truman.

As a further example of the aggressive role of American imperialism, Foster noted the news that had just come over the wires on the ultimatum Byrnes sent to the Soviet Union demanding immediate withdrawal of troops from Iran.

This is provoking war, Foster said.

New York state leaders of the Communist Party on the platform estimated the attendance at 15,000. In spite of the bad weather. Called to protest the anti-Negro brutalities at Freeport, L. I., and Columbia, Tenn., the demonstration was a protest against the entire worldwide pattern of imperialist oppression and pressure for a new war.

Widow of the slain Charles Ferguson, Mrs. Minnie Ferguson, stepped to the microphone to thank the meeting for its support and ask for complete justice in the name of her dead husband. Mrs. Ferguson, a slim, attractive woman in mourning dress, was unable to restrain tears as she spoke.

The great throng stood in rapt attention as the Communist leader unfolded the developments threatening war. Exactly 16 years ago and a day back, Foster and the chairman of the meeting, Israel Amter, spoke from that very spot to a demonstration of 110,000 unemployed. Both were arrested then and served prison sentences for their leadership of the movement for jobs and relief.

"Byrnes' Vandenberg's and Churchill's speeches were a call for war against the Soviet Union and the colonial peoples of the British empire," said Foster. "Our soldiers are not yet back from fighting World War II. Already they are summoned to a new war."

NATIONAL DANGER

"This confronts us with a grave national danger. And I assure you that the Communist Party will patriotically meet that danger head on."

The audience responded with an explosive applause, as on many occasions when Foster stressed the party's determination to combat war plans with full vigor.

"The whole thing stinks of fascism," Foster went on. "It was the voice of Churchill you heard, but those were the plans of Hitler."

Foster recalled Churchill's past words of admiration of Mussolini's fascism.

Churchill would not have dared to make the speech he did, if he did not feel support in the foreign policy of the British Labor Government, Foster said.

Recalling how German Social Democracy paved the way for Hitler, Foster expressed confidence that "the workers of England will not let them do it now."

REPLIES TO INSULTS

As for Churchill's "insults upon the Communist Parties of the world," Foster declared that were it not for the Red Army "England would today be enslaved by Hitler."

But Foster expressed concern for "passivity" among labor organizations in America on international questions. He noted that some labor officials, like Matthew Woll and David Dubinsky are very busy on international issues, but they side with those who want a war upon the Soviet Union. The mention of those two names brought loud boos.

"Trade unionists from the Canadian to the Mexican border must awaken. The American peo-

Britain Zooms Spy Budget

LONDON, March 7 (UP).—Civil Service estimates published today disclosed that the British Secret Service will cost £2,500,000 (\$10,000,000) in the next fiscal year. The figure is five times that of 1939.

ple must speak out now—before a new war is upon us."

Foster compared the policies of each of the "Big Three."

The Soviet Union's is a policy of peace. That country lost 20 million in killed, 200 billion in property destruction and many entire cities.

PEOPLE SPURN WAR

"Do you think people in such a condition want war?" he asked. They want continuance of "Big Three" unity he said.

Churchill "is a liar" declared Foster when he tries to paint the Soviet Union as following a policy of "expansion."

British policy is mainly prompted by the fact that "the empire is tottering, all over the colonial world," Foster went on.

"Churchill would have war to save the British Empire."

"Churchill has the gall to ask us to send millions for slaughter. But make no mistake. The American people will never send its boys to get killed to save the British Empire."

Those remarks drew the top applause of the demonstration.

Regarding American policy, its main course is guided by "the determination of the monopolists to rule the world." American imperialist aggressive policy is the main cause of the situation today.

The American imperialists are taking a lead, said Foster. "They are not playing second fiddle," he warned.

Foster listed a whole chain of policies and acts which he cited as examples of American 'imperialist aggression.' They included the holding of the atomic bomb as a threat over the world and refusal to make its secrets known to the UNO; Truman administration statements for a "get tough with Russia policy"; attempts to whittle down the Yalta and Potsdam decisions to aid fascists of Germany and Japan; maintenance of troops in China; exclusion of the USSR from a say in rule over Japan; hostility to the new democratic governments in Europe; the "loss" for six months time of the USSR's application for a billion dollar loan; the UNO's gang-up against the Soviet Union and the continuance of the joint British-U. S. general staff six months after the war was over.

Two resolutions were passed by acclamation. The first, sent to Governor Dewey, Mayor Cyril Ryan of Freeport and Attorney General Tom

Churchill Talk Augurs War, —Citizens PAC

Terming Winston Churchill's Fulton, Mo., speech a plea for "an alliance that would merge armies, navies, armaments and bases in a towering Frankenstein monster of Anglo-American military might," the National Citizens Political Action Committee today urged President Truman to "re-affirm in the strongest way possible his rejection of all special alliances in the UNO, and his insistence that our foreign policy be based on cooperation with Britain, the Soviet Union and the people of all nations."

In a statement issued following a National Citizens PAC steering committee meeting, the committee said that the alliance proposed by Churchill "would involve the United States in conflicts from Singapore to Gibraltar."

UAW Files Unfair Charge Against GM

DETROIT, March 7 (UP).—The CIO Auto Workers today threw another charge of unfair labor practices against General Motors Corp. into the deadlocked negotiations in the 108-day strike.

Walter P. Reuther, UAW vice-president and strike leader, announced filing of the supplemental charges with the National Labor Relations Board.

Clark in Washington, condemned "the Hitlerite lynch terror in Tennessee against a whole community of Negroes" and "the murder of the two Ferguson boys in Freeport." It demanded justice in both cases, and asked that "everything possible be done to end the Jimcrow oppression of the Negro people, which is the basis for such outrages as have occurred in Tennessee and Freeport."

The second resolution condemned the speech and proposed action of Churchill and called upon the people to "repudiate the position of Churchill, Truman, Byrnes, Vandenberg and Dulles and demand the building of the UNO, the closest collaboration between the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain, not for war, but for peace."

Josh White, famed Negro ballad singer, sang "Strange Fruit."

Other speakers were City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, who lashed the international warmakers and the national Jimcrows; Irving Potash, manager of the Furriers Joint Council; Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Rabbi Max Feishin, who assailed Churchill and British imperialism; Councilman Peter V. Cacchione and Everett Thomas, of the American Youth for Democracy. Mother Bloor, venerable Communist leader, was on the platform.

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O'Dwyer Still Asks Doubled Sales Tax

By MAX GORDON

ALBANY, March 7.—Mayor O'Dwyer is sticking to his demand for a doubling of the sales tax as part of his special tax program. Bitter opposition to some features has forced him to agree to drop part of it. In

a letter to Gov. Dewey, he has asked that his proposed taxes on utilities bills, amusements and payrolls be scuttled.

He is still asking the Legislature to empower him to increase the sales tax, double business taxes, and levy racing and hotel taxes. These would raise about \$84,000,000 instead of the \$142,000,000 originally demanded.

[In New York yesterday, the Mayor told a Chamber of Commerce dinner that he expected to complete his tax program Sunday at a conference with legislative leaders and city advisors. He said the fare issue "confused" the problem and insisted he would not raise the fare without a referendum. He stated that San Francisco tried to raise fare but was stopped by OPA and the matter was now before the Supreme Court.]

There is a good deal of opposition to the proposed doubling of the sales tax among Democratic rank and file legislators. It may be defeated if enough of them stick to their position.

A warning on the city's tax crisis was issued yesterday by the New York City Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. Its Committee on Taxation made four proposals:

- (1) That the Legislature adopt the Isacson Bill which would rescind the 25 percent cuts in personal income taxes and business taxes and give New York City \$50,000,000.
- (2) That the Legislature adopt the Steingut Bill which would reappropriate \$100,000,000 of the New York-to-Buffalo Thru-Way fund to give New York City \$75,000,000.
- (3) That the Legislature authorize the levying by the city government of the following four types of taxes. Stock transfer taxes to yield \$15,000,000, liquor taxes to yield \$10,000,000, inheritance taxes to yield \$10,000,000 and a bank tax to yield \$5,000,000, a total of \$40,000,000 or more than a 1 percent sales tax would produce.
- (4) The Legislature should authorize these taxes in addition to horse racing, business and hotel room taxes, "leaving it to the City Government to determine which of these taxes should be levied to meet the City's needs."

Correction: A sentence from Max Gordon's Albany story yesterday was inadvertently dropped. The sentence, at the end of the second paragraph, read:

"The joker is that the GOP's state rent control bill would eliminate controls on new housing."

TOUGH LANDLORD FORCING EVICTION OF 200 IN QUEENS

The streets of Sunnyside, Queens, where kids are playing happily today and mothers are rolling their baby carriages will be the scene of mass evictions within two weeks if the Exton Management Corp. has its way.

One of New York's most dramatic examples of a tough landlord taking advantage of the housing shortage came into the open Wednesday night at a special meeting of the Sunnyside Tenants Ass'n.

Exton Management Corp., 43-44 47 St., acting for the noteholders of Sunnyside Properties Inc., has decided to force some 200 citizens now living in 95 one, two and three family houses on to the streets—unless they buy the homes.

These are being offered for sale by March 20 at twice their value-

tions of two years back, even though they are 22 years old.

Stanley Isaacs, progressive Manhattan Councilman, is the lawyer for the landlord. He placed himself in the peculiar position Wednesday night of persuading the aroused tenants to buy at the inflationary values, or face the choice of having the houses sold from under them. Isaacs insisted that his two-hour address was off-the-record.

Tenant after tenant—many of them veterans of this war, professionals and working people—rose to challenge the Manhattan Councilman.

They queried him sharply on the finances of the Sunnyside Properties. They asked him whether it was any solution of the housing problem to displace one group of citizens by another.

They questioned the valuations which were being placed on the property. They pressed for, but received no pledge of stay against evictions, except the normal OPA protection. They sharply expressed dissatisfaction with Isaacs' own position in the entire matter.

Under the chairmanship of Benjamin Zelman, the association voted a series of measures to keep roofs over their heads.

Two resolutions backed the Wyatt housing program and asked for extension of OPA protection from six months to one year.

The meeting made it plain that whoever bought the homes under such conditions might find it very difficult to occupy them.

Bishop Assails Use of Church For 'Holy War' on Communism

COLUMBUS, O., March 7 (UP).—Criticizing those who would mobilize the church in "Holy War" against communism or capitalism, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, said today the church must be the voice of Christ, not of reaction or revolution.

"Men who lead the church into 'Holy War' are blind to the fact that the massing of forces for the destruction of a movement may be planned as the force of idea. But such effort soon descends to force that is physical," he told the closing session of the Council.

The church, he said, refused to identify the Christian gospel with an economic order, whether it be capitalist, communist or socialist.